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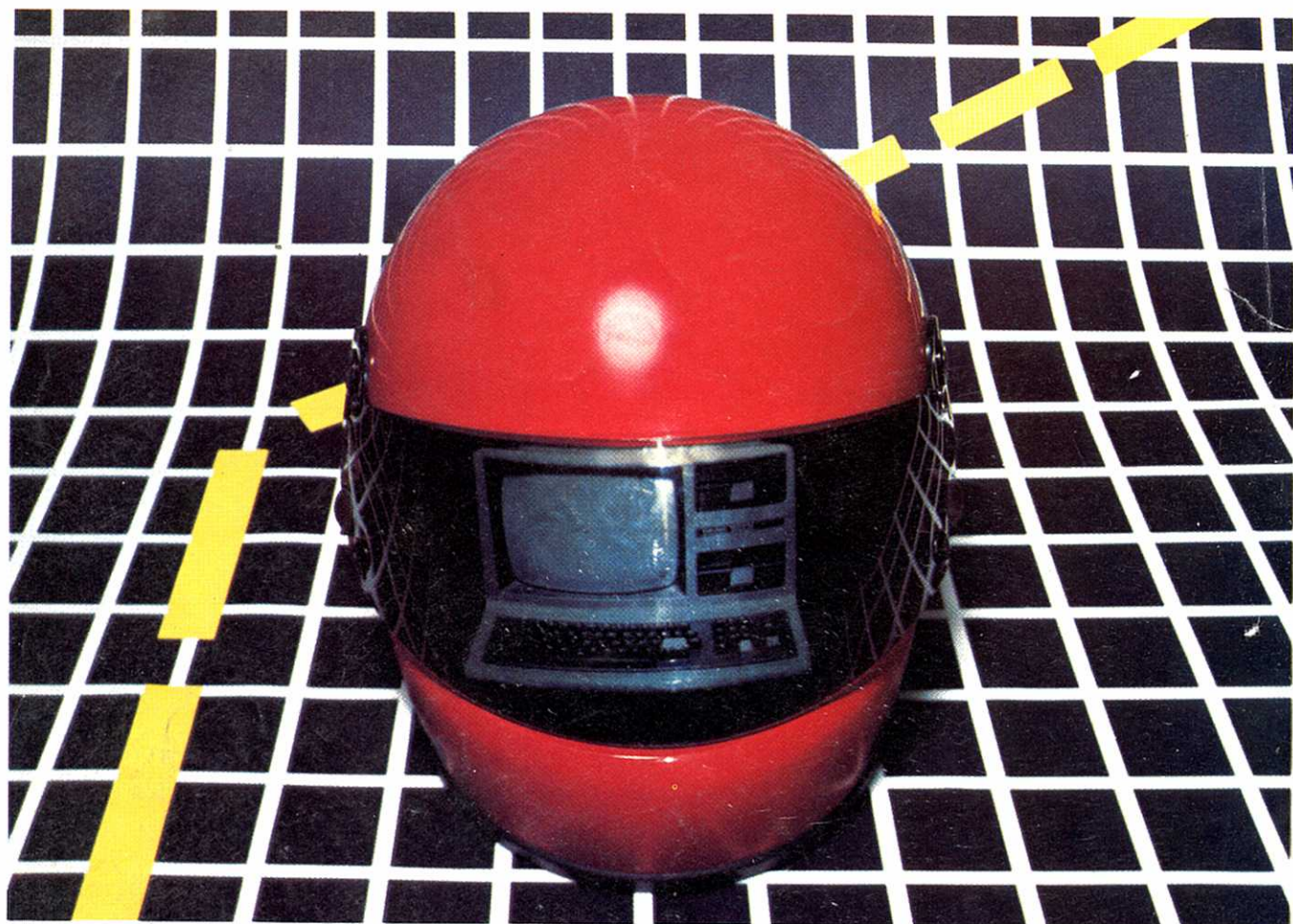
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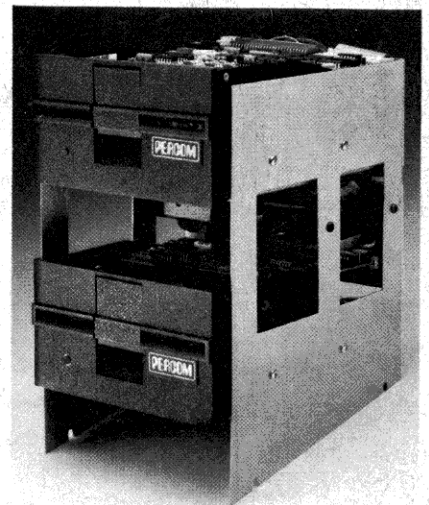


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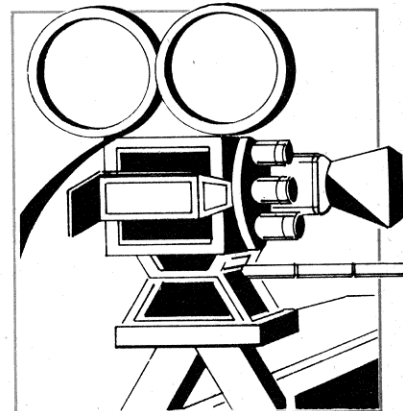
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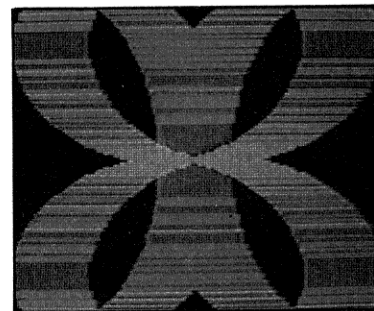


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# 80 REMARKS

by Wayne Green

*"We Americans have been fed the pap  
that right wins out in the long run,  
despite rather vivid proof that the whole idea is hokum."*

## Why Big Wins

**T**here seems to be some surprise when a new field starts out with a wide range of small firms and eventually ends up with just a few large companies. Those of you who are up on history and oldies still doddering around will remember hundreds of car makes in the early days of automobiles.

What happened was simple. It turns out when you increase production, mathematical principles inexorably apply. The cost of most items decreases 10 to 20 percent every time production doubles. Thus, the more successful a product turns out to be, the lower its manufacturing cost. This success breeds more as the manufacturer is able to reduce prices, gradually forcing other less successful businesses out. We finally end up with one gigantic firm (like General Motors).

What makes one firm more successful than the others, allowing it to kill off the competition? I wish I could smugly convince you that it is generally the excellence of product design. I'm sure that's what any red-blooded American wants to believe. Baloney.

Right here in the microcomputer field we have seen a typical beginning of a new huge industry. Survivors are few, and in no case has technical excellence won the day. Get mad if you will, but the technology of the winners has been almost irrelevant. Oh, it's been good enough, but for every winning computer system the old timers in the field can cite a half dozen better designed products.

Yes, I know that goes against the grain. We Americans have been fed the pap that right wins out in the long run, despite rather vivid proof that the whole idea is hokum. Have you read about the Mafia lately? Just about every member is a millionaire several times over.

In the micro field I've watched dozens of firms grow and then topple. The reasons for their failure are abundantly evident, and their technical prowess (or lack of it) has never been a controlling factor. Most people who've gotten into the micro hardware manufacturing business are pretty sharp technically; their downfalls are

related to their lack of background in business.

An arrogant disdain for software support killed one of the largest firms in the business. Others have gone on to be mere memories on the wings of wasted advertising dollars and ego monuments at computer shows. Would Processor Tech be around today if they avoided exhibiting at NCC and other shows? Cash needed to increase production was blown on monumental show exhibits, peopled with nice chaps who now work for other firms.

The key to business success is knowing what you are doing. The successful entrepreneur knows marketing, advertising, personnel management, salesmanship, financing and business law, and is willing to work 100 hours a week to make it click. It is seldom that such a person ends up anywhere but at the top of the pile.

Big firms are able to bypass the early low cash startup days by spending a lot of money up front to get into massive production, massive advertising, massive marketing. But as the field grows, even large firms can't afford to butt heads. While the pioneer firms in a new field can get started for a few thousand dollars (as we saw with microcomputers just about five years ago) today we are witnessing some giants losing \$10M on sales of \$20M as they misjudge the market. Is it still possible to get in on the ground floor with a few thousand dollars investment? In computers, no. It's getting difficult to make it even with a few million.

The doors are still open for the small entrepreneur turning out peripheral products. It's a bit late to make printers, but the field is wide open for other gadgets.

It is difficult for software publishers to get started today. Two years ago one could get started for a few thousand dollars; now we see firms dumping millions, with only red ink to show. Very small software firms still can eke out a living, but the time is about over when we will see small firms emerging as big ones. Some giants can still come with a few million dollars and buy into the field. In another year or two they will need \$100M—to buy in. Another year or so after that and not even large firms will think it worthwhile.

Each new system marketed is a gold mine for small firms to support. Even the largest firms are unable to provide even a small percentage of the needed support. Witness the growing market for Radio Shack support products advertised in *80 Micro*. Though Radio Shack has tried to keep news of these products from their customers, the word has leaked out and the volume of business seems to be growing for these support firms faster than Radio Shack sales.

The new IBM system is another opportunity for present firms to grow more rapidly and for new firms to get started. Yes, it is still possible to put a few thousand dollars down on the table and walk away with millions.

I recently tried to remember as many names of microcomputer systems as I could. Then I cheated by thumbing through some magazine ads. I had no problem coming up with 76 different firms. If I started counting the individual systems it would go way over 100. Firms are still appearing every month with new computers, but we are seeing as many failures each month as successes. I think we have reached the turning point.

As Radio Shack, Apple, and a few other manufacturers sell larger numbers of systems, their manufacturing costs will go down, allowing them to either cut prices or provide better systems for the same price. This will gradually force the other firms out of business and we will end up with two or three giants.

I was recently a consultant for a firm interested in marketing a computer product to sell for about \$600 at the start. With the expected growth in sales, the retail price would be reduced to around \$150 over a couple of years. Any new firm coming in to compete would have to match the production quantities of this first firm to match costs or take a loss until it could catch up in sales. When sales escalate rapidly, there isn't much of a chance for a new firm, even a large one, to get started in competition.

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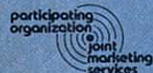
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### Budding Apples

Experts in the field agree that Apple sales have passed Radio Shack by in the last year. I suspect this is due to two main causes: better support from satellite firms and better advertising strategy.

The average Radio Shack computer customer, unaware of *80 Micro*, is also unaware of 99 percent of the support for the TRS-80 systems. All he can see is the few peripherals and programs on display at the local Radio Shack store. This hurts sales. Apple was able to come from about 1/3 of Radio Shack sales to beat them with little more than a year.

If this pattern continues, Apple will be able to undercut Radio Shack on prices, accelerating the disaster. Apple also has an advantage in their overseas sales.

A recent report on microcomputer sales in Italy is unfortunately rather typical. Commodore started out the best-seller there a couple years ago, but by the end of this year Apple is expected to pass them by, with TRS-80 sales projected to be about 16 percent of Apple sales. I've seen a similar pattern in many of the countries I've visited in the last few years.

Can Tandy turn the tables on this debacle and regain their leadership in the U.S.? Yes, they can, but I'm not convinced they will. Tradition may run too deep for the needed changes.

It's too soon to see how Apple will respond to IBM's invasion of the micro field. Will IBM be as hospitable to supporting firms as Apple or as hostile as Radio Shack? I suspect Apple's real strength is in the combined push of the parent firm and all the small firms making Apple products. This has defeated Tandy in sales.

Remember, when entrepreneurs start new firms, or when medium-sized firms cook up new products, they understand that a larger customer base means an easier sale. Thus the emergence of Apple in front will reinforce its strength by encouraging development and production of even more supporting products. Freelance programmers write programs for the largest selling system; they make more money that way. This, too, will work against Tandy.

One other factor: The difficulty of reaching the Radio Shack customer to sell supporting products is made agonizing by Radio Shack's desire to be the *only* supplier for their customers. *80 Micro* is a good means of selling to this market, but it probably reaches only half of the Radio Shack customers. It is far easier to reach the Apple customer with advertising.

Radio Shack products have to be sold

through largely hostile computer stores or else by mail order. Apple equipment and programs can be sold through extremely friendly Apple dealers.

We know IBM is going to be around. Their entry has been successful just on the power of their reputation. Their system is well designed and their marketing fine. If IBM continues to do things right, it could come out on top.

Apple, despite the Apple III debacle last year, is a strong company. Their marketing program is hard to beat, and their ads are eye-catching and visible.

With the largest customer base in this country, Radio Shack is by no means out of the picture. They must do some serious customer research and improve their image. Why not come to grips with the TRS-80 support industry and encourage it instead of fighting it?

If we could get *80 Micro* into the company-owned stores (which is most of them) it would enhance equipment sales. We are selling through a growing number of independent Radio Shack stores and the owners are most enthusiastic about the results. The factory-owned stores need a few hundred more programs, something Radio Shack has so far not been able to provide. I don't think even a 100,000 square foot plant filled with programmers can do the job of 10,000 freelance programmers. ■

### Coco

That's what a lot of the readers called the Color Computer in their letters of anguish over my editorial on the lack of support for this system.

A letter from Jon Shirley assures us that Coco will continue to be produced for the next year at least. That's most reassuring, for I did not invent the rumors of it being dropped. Radio Shack's lack of candor discourages the press from even asking them about plans. They are often secretive to the point of emulating the CIA on matters of new products or dropping old ones, so only by bringing rumors into the open can answers be gotten.

On the bright side, many readers agree with the staff here at *80 Micro* that Coco is a vastly underrated system. Indeed, it appears even the folk at Tandy are not really aware of the power of the system. Many readers have promised articles and others have already started sending in programs. Perhaps I primed the pump. I assure you that any lack of support for Coco reflects the lack of input, not our lack of enthusiasm. ■





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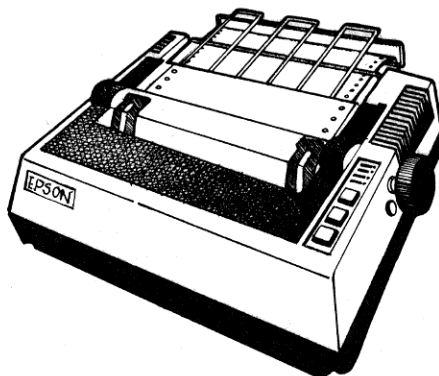
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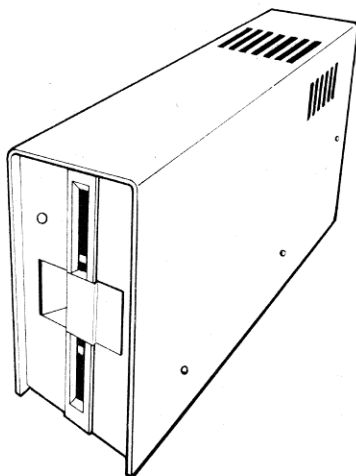
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**A**lthough some may be hesitant to accept the computer's contribution to the hallowed and sometimes dusty halls of art history, these electronic gadgets *are* making a contribution. It should come as no surprise, as there has always been a faction in the artistic community who have been anxious to utilize the latest technological advancement, and the computer has become the latest toy.

This issue reflects the applications and attitudes of various members of the artistic community towards computers. Sculptor Rob Fisher is an example of one artist who prefers chrome and computer-aided design (CAD/CAM) to clay and a palette knife, while commercial producer Jay Rose highlights how microcomputers, including the Model I, have freed him from much time-consuming drudgery leaving more time to be more creative. Film-makers are using micros to synchronize complicated special effects and to

be taught by a Model II?)

Computers are affecting the arts indirectly as well. Many non-profit organizations now rely on computerized fund development and management systems, greatly increasing their funding. And many writers now use word processors.

Our conception of art will always mean different things in different times and places. Like the times, it is always changing, as are the media and tools which are used to create it. In the hands of an artist the microcomputer simply becomes such a tool. This machine, which ordinarily is used to process little bits and bytes of information in the most efficient manner, is now being used to create spectacular graphics or music. Jake Commander has a few words to say about this:

"But is it really art? Oh please, can I be the last person to ask that hackneyed question?"

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*"Does storywriting lose any of its artistic value because it was written using a word processor?"*

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keep track of a film's almost unmanageable budget. And our own Jake Commander has, with the Color Computer, created some truly beautiful and unexpected graphics reminiscent of stained glass windows and oriental rugs.

Musical applications of the TRS-80 are featured, including a hardware tutorial which tells you, for \$150 in parts, how you can create your own synthesizer. You can even teach yourself to play the guitar with the Model I, an interesting twist of a computer application. (Will our next Bob Dylan

"Of course it's art. At least if you want it to be. Art is created from the minds of artists and becomes real when tools are used to produce an aesthetically interesting end result. Notice I say the word interesting as opposed to pleasing. Beauty, as it is often said, is in the eye of the beholder. However, just because you don't like it doesn't stop it being art.

"Notice also that the tools used vary according to the art form and the individual

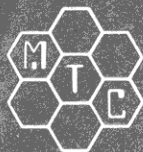
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Dennis Kitsz has had a second attack of California sun blindness. He left for the west leaving us with only the tail-end of his "Applications" column. We considered publishing it as is, but decided not to let him off the hook that easily. Send your complaints to Dennis in Roxbury, VT. If Dennis survives CA without joining some sunny, trendy cult, he will be back with "Applications" and some far-fetched tale next month.

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This bit of historical fact has great import in the software piracy problem of today. Many companies are spending too much time and money worrying about pi-

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*"Reformed pirates (privateers) make the best dealers."*

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## Is the TRS-80 the only choice?

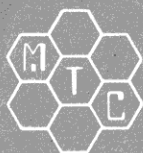
Earl Savage's Education 80 column (80 Microcomputing, January 1982) raised my temper enough to cause me to sit at my keyboard and pound out a reply.

Micros indeed have a major role in education and that role will unquestionably grow in the next few years. But so has the minicomputer. The real strength lies in the combination of both systems. A school that bases its teaching on micros alone will soon have some real problems. Any meaningful education application requires mass storage for programs and data files. The total micro shop will have an impossible job in cataloging, copying and other file maintenance chores to say nothing of the costs of buying media for every system. What about the maintenance of all those tape recorders or disks? How can you ensure students will work on the right lesson and get their results recorded on the right file?

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In the January column, Mr. Savage reviews the options to prove the TRS-80 is the only acceptable choice but he makes an interesting contradiction. He dismisses the Model I, II, and III's lack of color by noting "...color circuitry which produces a pretty display but adds absolutely nothing of value to 99 percent of





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its educational and business uses." Then, with the emphasis of a boxed headline notes "the real world is full of sounds so why should programs be silent?" Well, the real world is also full of color so why should programs be monochrome? When was the last time you saw a textbook, particularly one for elementary grades, without color? Color can add significantly to educational programs by providing more attractive displays and highlighting certain statements or portions of graphics.

Ron Ginger  
Framingham, MA

## Finances Rule

Mr. Ginger raises several interesting points. In some respects, education does (or should) operate like a business but in many ways it is completely different. Public educational agencies operate (if one may use that word loosely) like a business that is perpetually on the verge of bankruptcy. Educators cannot raise the margin of profit slightly to bring in a few

communicated, would be to have eight or ten micros and dozens of programs rather than one micro, one mini and perhaps one program for the mini. (The use of "would be" is deliberate because most of us are struggling to get a half-dozen micros.) My computer prices may be somewhat off—I stopped pricing them a few years ago when the capacity of the micros became great enough to do the job—but you get the idea. (Have you priced a mini program lately? How many teachers or students do you suppose are able to program a mini?)

I believe Mr. Ginger underestimates the power of a micro in the hands of a competent programmer. Is he aware that programs may be merged? That variables may be passed from program to program? That programs can be chained? These and other techniques can be used, if necessary, to overcome the shortcomings he sees in the micro. Why, one little Model III disk can hold enough programs and data to keep him busy for months!

Just a couple of key punches and my Model III has a very sophisticated editor; the file system will do far more than I have had need for in educational or business programming to date; authoring programs

## "Educators cannot raise the margin of profit slightly to bring in a few more dollars."

more dollars and they cannot purchase raw materials more cheaply. They continually fight for operational necessities. If you doubt this, ask any teacher, administrator, board member or even custodian.

In education, you develop a means to get the most for every dollar spent—not just in fairness to the taxpayer but because the ratio of dollars to needs is so low. After a few years, you forget that the whole world does not operate the same way. Therefore, I beg to be forgiven for not stating that which is obvious to those of us in the field.

Mr. Ginger may be surprised to learn that I would like nothing better than a network consisting of a minicomputer and two or three (or more) dozen microcomputers. That kind of setup simply is not in the cards for 99.9 percent of the public schools in this country. Choices must be made.

My choice, and the choice of the great majority of educators with whom I have

as well as other authoring languages are just a punch away. If the Model III does not have enough power or storage space, there is the Model II, and, of course, the Model 16 (Is that a micro or a mini?). The long and short of it is that you learn to make do with what you have and the Model III will do plenty.

With regard to color and sound, Mr. Ginger again misses the point. You can add sound to a TRS-80 for \$10 or less, so why not use it—even school budgets can produce an occasional \$10. Color, on the other hand, costs a bundle. There is the additional cost of the micro itself (or a trade-off in more limited features), and the extra cost of a color monitor is significant. My personal feeling is that the additional cost is not justifiable unless color is an intrinsic part of the topic at hand.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the reader to the real world of educational finances. Now, would you like to increase their taxes so that their schools will not have to make such

choices...but didn't I hear that the citizens of Massachusetts recently decided to do just the opposite?

Earl R. Savage  
Colonial Beach, VA

## Video Screen Dump

I noticed in the February 1982 Input/Output column that R.S. from Madison, WI was interested in printing his chess board to send through the mail. I do not play chess so subsequently I know nothing of the software program he is using. However, I have developed a small program (see Program Listing 1) that may

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10000 FOR I=15360 TO 16383 STEP 64
10010 FOR II=0 TO 63
10020 LPRINT CHR$(PEEK(I+II));
10030 NEXT II
10040 LPRINT " "
10050 NEXT I
10060 RETURN
```

Program Listing 1

solve his problem if the chess game software is in Basic. The code prints an exact duplicate of the video screen when called as a subroutine from the Basic program. It prints all alphanumerics and graphics.

If you want to place a left margin indentation, add a line between 10000 and 10010 to LPRINT STRING\$(SP%, 32);. SP% determines the indentation and can be changed by the operator.

I have used this little subroutine many times and have had no problem with it. R.S.'s only problem will be to find the location in the chess software to call the subroutine.

Gerald E. Ives  
East Syracuse, NY

## Burn the Brat

I would like to take my TRS-80 down to the middle of Portland and burn it, but I don't have the money to replace it.

I did not purchase my Model III from Radio Shack, and it has TEAC drives instead of the Radio Shack standard. Also, it is hooked up to a reconditioned IBM Selectric typewriter. All of this was fine with me, until my troubles began.

First was the autocratic printer control. I could not get the brat to follow the Script format commands. For four months I went around in circles between the dealer, the man who adapted the Selectric, and



Radio Shack. No one knew anything. Finally, one of the Radio Shack people carelessly dropped a remark about forms, and that slim clue led me to the DOSPLUS Forms command, and now I can print. The TRSDOS Forms command is insufficient to do the job.

The modem I purchased works fine, but after I bought it, I discovered that I could not use it without a program. Then I discovered I could not talk to the brat in its own language without an editor/assembler, and only Radio Shack knows whatall. I was beginning to feel that I had bought a car that would steer only to the right.

And that blessed Scripsit. It works well, as far as it goes. But, it will not cooperate with either of two Dvorak keyboard programs. The end-of-file marker is not the same as that used by the operating system programs, so I have been unable to use its editing facilities on other programs, such as Fortran, or Basic. And the silly Scrimp reboots every time I need to read the directory, which means resetting the forms each time.

prove its manners. My last visit to Radio Shack, an attempt to get the Scrimp onto a DOSPLUS disk, met not only with refusal, but with demands of "Where did you get this?", "Do you have your receipt?"; with remarks about my DOSPLUS disk and attempts to uncover other nefarious schemes by peeling off my label to see what was under it; by checking the Scrimp disk to see if I was lying and had backed it up. The final affront was to suggest that I bring in my brat and have its drives operated on.

Well, Radio Shack, you don't need to worry about my TEAC drives any more. Not only will the brat never come within scalpel distance, but neither will I, for any reason. For information I will go to the magazines and the users groups, and those who pry into inner workings and put nasty little patches on things; for repairs, to a member of the users group; and for wares of whatever kind, to anywhere but Radio Shack.

Dorothy R. Mooney  
Tigard, OR

## *"I will not tolerate Radio Shack's attitude."*

Thinking I could improve things, I foolishly went and bought the Model III update for Scripsit and I can't use the thing at all. New programs will run for me, if I first convert them—that is, copy them onto my command disk. Scripsit is protected so well that I cannot access it, cannot run the disk in drive 0, cannot back it up, and can use it at all, only in drive 1. I'm not a juggler. Then, improving on its previous efforts, the Scrimp even saved a Basic program on top of a Fortran program.

The problems in themselves I can tolerate. The information curtain I cannot. And Radio Shack's attitude I will not.

Since solving the printing problem, I have discovered (Thank you, *80 Microcomputing*) that it is well known. I feel that both the man who adapted the Selectric and Radio Shack should have been able and willing to give me the answer right away. Since Radio Shack sells its products to beginners, the need for special programs should be made clear before purchase. Most importantly, and the point of this diatribe, Radio Shack should im-

## **Radio Shack Replies**

*Wayne Green actively pushes sales of various non-Radio Shack items. Fine, but the customer must know what he or she is doing and be prepared accordingly. The term is caveat emptor.*

*Let's look at what Ms. Mooney has and what her problems are (as best that I can sort out from her letter).*

*She has a TRS-80 Model III, purchased from a non-Radio Shack source; non-Radio Shack disk drives; IBM Selectric typewriter for a printer; non-TRSDOS operating system; and a modem (model unspecified and unimportant).*

*She has experienced the following problems: Format commands from Scripsit are not handled properly; utilization of a modem requires some software; programming in machine language requires an editor/assembler; Scripsit will not work with either of two Dvorak keyboard programs she has; and Scripsit will not run in drive 0, cannot be backed up or accessed in any way and will only run in drive 1.*

*I suspect the need for machine language programming stemmed from the inability of Scripsit to send proper commands to the IBM Selectric. There have been a number of articles in several magazines about Selectrics and that could be considered "general knowledge" but we do not have the capability to test every possible device that will connect to one of our computers. We have said it over*

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## "We do not support any non-TRSDOS operating system."

and over again—if a product is sold to work with a TRS-80 by someone other than Radio Shack and it does not work, you are going to have to go to that company to ask for help. That does not just apply to hardware either, but also to the operating system (DOS) and other computer programs that will run on TRS-80 computers.

I am sorry that Ms. Mooney did not realize that she would need a communications program to utilize a modem. All she had to do was ask one of our representatives what was needed to make it work and if they did not know, they would have found out for her. Also, as a regular reader of your magazine, all she had to do was take a look at Frank Derfler's excellent article "Datacom Decisions" (August 1981) as well as numerous other articles describing computer communications.

There isn't much that can be said about *Scriptsit* not functioning with a Dvorak keyboard. *Scriptsit* has its own keyboard driver and it was not designed to be used with a Dvorak style keyboard.

The problem with *Scriptsit* not working in Drive 0, well, I can only guess. That guess is she booted-up under some operating system other than TRSDOS which is furnished on the *Scriptsit* disk. When she removed her system disk and substituted the *Scriptsit* disk, the required functions of her operating system were removed and it therefore failed to function. We know and state clearly that a "System disk must be in drive 0 at all times." Our instructions for *Scriptsit* are for the user to place the *Scriptsit* disk in drive 0 and boot-up from it, then enter *Scriptsit*. After *Scriptsit* has loaded and is running, remove the *Scriptsit* disk and insert a System disk that you want your documents stored on. We advise that they never write to their *Scriptsit* program disk.

Our people are familiar with, or at least can call Fort Worth to get help with, our products. We do not support nor are we familiar with any non-TRSDOS operating system and consequently, we cannot be of any help with questions regarding them. I apologize if Ms. Mooney was treated rudely in one of our stores. There is no excuse for that sort of behavior.

Not mentioned by Ms. Mooney, but worth commenting on, is her use of TEAC drives. As far as we know, TEAC disk

drives use cam-type mechanisms which are not able to run as fast as the required band type drives used in a Model III. If these type drives are used with TRSDOS (which expects to see a faster drive) then multiple problems will result.

Bottom line?? We service and support what we sell. Yes, if you "bargain hunt" you can possibly find it cheaper but, if it is a TRS-80 that contains non-Radio Shack components—well, caveat emptor.

Bill Walters  
Consumer Information Manager  
Tandy/Radio Shack  
Fort Worth, TX

## Ribbon Fix

For Okidata Microline 80 printer owners whose printers occasionally eat ribbons, here is a quick solution to the problem. Take off the gray and clear plastic cover over the print head. If the shafts on which the ribbons spin are a lot taller than the spools, you have a modified machine and the ribbon should work perfectly. If it does not work properly or if you have the short shafts, you may watch your ribbon get eaten by the gears winding the spools.

When the spool gets to the end, the rivet is supposed to slide the reverse bar across and start the spools winding in the opposite direction. The pin in the large gear which turns the spool from underneath is too small. When pulled hard the spool sometimes jumps off the pin and lets out about five inches of ribbon to dangle down into the hungry gears. The solution to the problem is to anchor the spools down to the gears so that no matter how hard the ribbon pulls on the spool, the spool will not jump off the pin turning it.

If you have the tall shafts, the fix is easy. Find two fahnenstock clips and drill them out to a size slightly smaller than the spool shafts. After the ribbon spools are in place, slide the clips down the shafts until each rests tight against the spool. When you change ribbons (which people

do not do nearly often enough) remove the clips with a pair of pliers.

If you have short shafts, you cannot just replace them. They are hot-pressed in place and come as part of an expensive complete drive unit available only from Japan. Instead, remove the spools of ribbon. Remove the clip holding the washer on. Remove the washer and drill a hole in the washer directly opposite the offset hole (see Fig. 1.) Make your hole the same

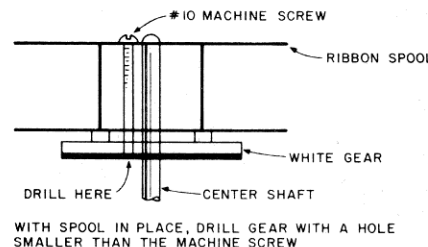


Figure 2

size and the same distance from the center as the offset hole. Reinstall the washers and clips. Place the spools back tightly on the shafts. Using the bolt cutters on your wire crimpers, cut two #10 machine screws to 11/16". Drill through the spool hole, through the hole in the washer and into the nylon gear the spool sits on. Thread the screw down through the spool until the head is snug against the spool (see Fig. 2). Now when the rivet pulls on the switching mechanism, the spool cannot pop off the shaft.

C. Howard Johnson, Director  
Maine Computer Network  
Mount Desert, ME

## Legalized Rip-off?

Does your GM dealer refuse to work on your GM vehicle until he replaces the Sears tires you put on it?

I recently purchased a Radio Shack TRS-80 Model III computer with 16K of memory and planned to add 32K of memory and two disk drives. A few months after purchase (more than 90 days) the system would not start up properly so I took the machine to Radio Shack for repair. It came back from the "experts" with exactly the same problem. They took it back to the shop again and fixed it by replacing the 16K of memory and left out the center screw in the back which holds the chassis to the housing. I paid for the labor and the new parts (\$68.34) and asked for the original memory chips which they removed. Radio Shack's answer was they were "not available."

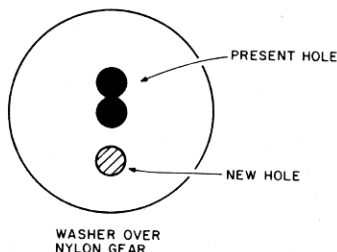


Figure 1

Does removal and replacement of customer-owned property without customer consent constitute theft or just a legalized rip-off?

Is there any evidence in the industry that Radio Shack's memory chips (Motorola in my case) are as good or better than semiconductor industry standards?

## **"Are Radio Shack's memory chips as good as or better than semiconductor industry standards?"**

When I decided to add two disk drives I purchased 32K of NEC memory chips P/N 4116 and put it into the memory board sockets. Four times I ran a memory verification program which checked each memory location 256 times without error. Then I took the machine to Radio Shack for installation of the disk drives. The clerk told me that the repair center (which appears to be a subcontractor to Radio Shack) would remove my memory and replace them with Radio Shack memory (at a cost of \$200 versus the \$38 I had paid) before installing the disk drives. I did not go for this rip-off (under the guise of company policy) so I took the machine home and removed the added memory before

taking it to another outlet to have the disk drives added.

Only a few computer shops do this type of work so it appears the Radio Shack customers will be forced to put up with this customer-be-damned attitude until more independent service centers are established.

Meanwhile I wonder if the above policy does not constitute a restraint of trade. Are other Radio Shack customers experiencing this same type of difficulty? Are there others who would be interested in pursuing a class action suit?

Richard L. Bates  
Camillus, NY

## **Radio Shack Replies**

Richard L. Bates' letter voices two basic complaints:

*We did not return to him the chips which were replaced in his TRS-80. Based on the price he paid, and labor, we probably replaced only two or three chips, not the whole set. We will always return parts, if requested ahead of time. He probably did not ask until the chips had been thrown away, and truly were "not available."*

*Our repair center was wrong to indicate that they could not install Radio Shack disk drives in a Model III because it contained another vendor's memory chips. Our policy on non-Radio Shack RAMs is that we will:*

- Replace defective chips as required

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● If requested, we will call the customer with an estimate before doing the work. If he chooses to do it himself, we will stop, return the computer, and charge him a checkout fee.

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*If Mr. Bates has trouble with a Radio Shack Repair Center, and will furnish me with all the details, I will be happy to do all I can to ensure his satisfaction.*

Ed Juge, Director  
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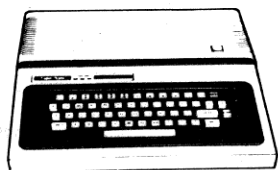
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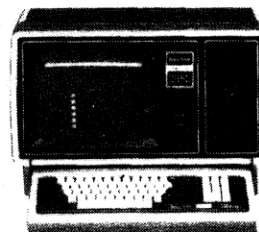


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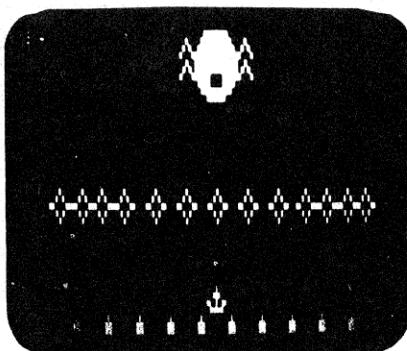
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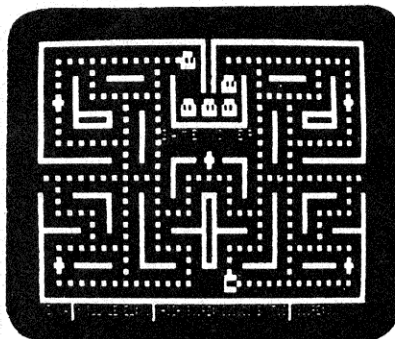
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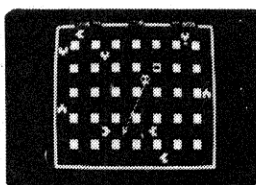
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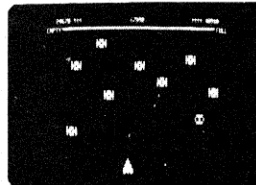
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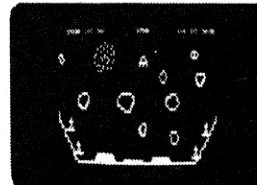
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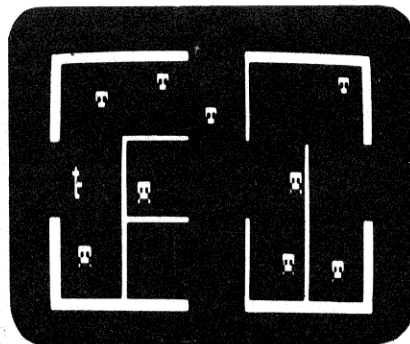
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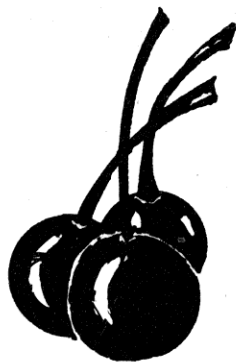
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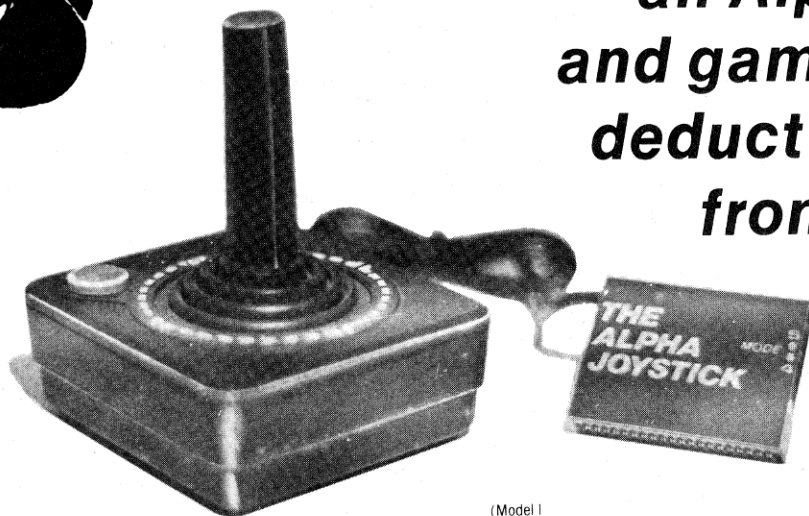
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## Shading Patterns

We have a Model II and a Radio Shack Plotter/Printer which we use to plot maps digitized from a Summagraphics "Bit Pad One." When making certain kinds of maps, such as choroplethics, we would like to be able to fill in the polygons with various shading patterns. The programming for this is beyond our level of experience. Are there any readers with any programming capability to help us with this problem? We would also like to hear from other Plotter/Printer users to exchange ideas and experiences in general in this relatively undeveloped area.

Steve Maynard  
Geography Extension Program  
#8 Stewart Hall  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, MO 65211

## Line-feed for VisiCalc

I have a Model I and VisiCalc, which does not have all the pluses that the Model II and III versions have. It is a fantastic program, but I would like to be able to create a program line-feed, without having to wait for the print-head to travel across a blank line. Has anyone accomplished this?

Paul E. Shafer  
Ahsahka, ID 83520

## Move those feet!

I read with interest Betty Hollins' article "Two Transfers Please" (80 Microcomputing, February 1982). I also have Micromusic, but I use it infrequently due to inability to successfully load it to disk as well as the limited tape I/O for music text. I am writing to see if any of your readers have similar success with two other products: Raaka-Tu and Dancin Demon.

Although I have NEWDOS 2.1, I have not been able to create a copy of

Raaka-Tu on disk that will run—the transfer works but the output is useless.

I would like to modify Dancin Demon to support disk I/O of music and routines and I would like to add editor enhancements to allow insertion or deletion of characters in the middle of the music or dance routine. If any of your readers have developed or know of such enhancements I would be interested in hearing from them.

Robert Alston  
2385 Placid Way  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

## Printer Patch

I have a TRS-80 Model I with one disk drive and 32K, modified by Radio Shack for lowercase use. I have been using a Selectric typewriter modified by Computer Devices of California. This system works well as a word processor using the Electric Pencil with the Penmod patch.

I have tried to use the Radio Shack Scripsit, but am unable to get a proper typewriter carriage return. Does anyone know of a patch that would enable me to use my setup with Scripsit?

Milton Tuerk, M.D.  
250 Hospital Road  
Patchogue, L.I., NY 11772

## Type Font Wanted

We need a daisy-wheel printer print wheel with an Orator type font. A Bulletin type font would be an acceptable substitute.

We put the roster of our conference attendees on the TRS-80 Model II and need some way to print the badges in a large size type that is readable.

Any suggestions on where we might purchase this would be appreciated.

Harriett Heineman  
Retail Advertising Conference  
67 East Oak St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

## Digital Group Printer Interface

I am a beginning programmer. I have been trying unsuccessfully to interface a Digital Group printer, model DMTP-6, to my TRS-80 Model I Level II.

I have 48K, one disk drive and use TRSDOS 2.3 and TRSDOS 2.3B operating systems. I need to know the wiring connections from printer to TRS-80. Will this printer work without additional software?

Jim McLeod  
10371 Ainsworth Crescent  
Richmond, British Columbia  
Canada V7A 3V5

## G or S?

While my Epson MX-70 is an excellent printer on the whole, the lowercase g looks almost identical to the lowercase s, and my clients (I am a translator) are highly dissatisfied.

Does anyone have any ideas for upgrading this printer (possibly by switching to a different ROM and a new printing head) that will either give me descenders or else a small g that is the same shape as the capital one, but simply smaller?

Dr. S. Himelstein  
Maalot Dafna 45/5  
Jerusalem  
Israel

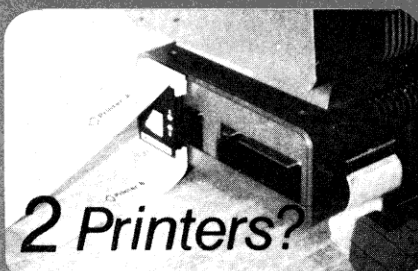
## Super Model I

I own a TRS-80 Model I. I would like to use several of the Model III's features on my Model I. How do I program repeating keys, screen print, and shift-lock (for output to my line printer)? How can I CLOAD from cassette 2? How can I patch Debug so it will work with the Expansion Interface?

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29 Hawkedon Circle  
Rexdale, Ontario  
Canada

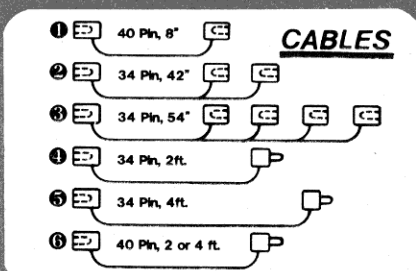
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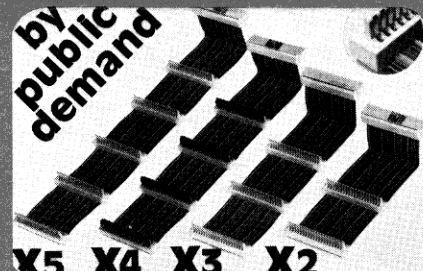


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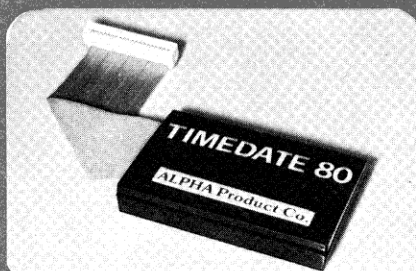


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IBM and all the "biggies" are using green screen monitors. Its advantages are now widely advertised. We feel that every TRS-80 user should enjoy the benefits it provides. But WARNING: all Green Screens are not created equal. Here is what we found:

- Several are just a flat piece of standard colored Lucite. The green tint was not made for this purpose and is judged by many to be too dark. Increasing the brightness control will result in a fuzzy display.
- Some are simply a piece of thin plastic film taped onto a cardboard frame. The color is satisfactory but the wobbly film gives it a poor appearance.
- One "optical filter" is in fact plain acrylic sheeting.
- False claim: A few pretend to "reduce glare". In fact, their flat and shiny surfaces (both film and Lucite type) ADD their own reflections to the screen.
- A few laughs: One ad claims to "reduce screen contrast". Sorry gentleman but it's just the opposite. One of the Green Screen's major benefits is to increase the contrast between the text and the background.
- Drawbacks: Most are using adhesive strips to fasten their screen to the monitor. This method makes it awkward to remove for necessary periodical cleaning. All (except ours) are flat. Light pens will not work reliably because of the big gap between the screen and the tube.

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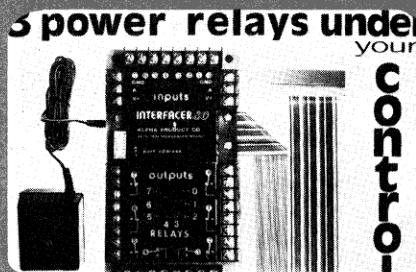
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because of agreements Big Five Software has with Atari. They credited my account for the full amount of my check. They cashed my check, but they did not send that part of the order that they were able to fill, namely, the third program and the joystick.

Robert Bauman  
Laurel Springs, NJ

## Big Five Software Replies

Atari has been cracking down on companies with games that play like some of their games (see "Atari targets software pirates," 80 News, March 1982). Atari threatened us with lawsuits for our "Galaxy Invasion" and "Robot Attack." While our attorneys are deciding who is right, we have stopped producing and selling those two games to comply with Atari's demands.

We offer a quantity discount for multiple items ordered. Mr. Bauman ordered four items (two were Robot and Galaxy), which entitles him to a 15 percent discount. Since we could only sell him two items (which would reduce his quantity discount), we gave him the choice to accept only two items at a lower discount, or cancel his order completely. Mr. Bauman completely misunderstood, saying we "didn't bother" to send the other two items.

Bill Hogue, President  
Big Five Software  
Van Nuys, CA

## Cutting Room Goblins

There is a gremlin in the 80 Micro paste-up room. Several paragraphs of my article "In Praise of Outlines" were turned around. On page 205, the paragraph following the bold heading Define the Task should appear just before the bold heading Outline the Procedure on page 206. The paragraph that should have appeared on page 205 reads as follows:

"This program will count to 10 by fives, giving the square roots of the numbers as we go along." There, we have defined the task. We know exactly what we are going

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2030 BS="":INPUT"NAME: ";BS
2050 BS="":INPUT"ADD: ";BS
2070 BS="":INPUT"CITY: ";BS
2090 BS="":INPUT"STATE: ";BS
2110 BS="":INPUT"ZIP: ";BS
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Program Listing 2

to do. On this small sample you might think that you do not have to define this simple task. But what about longer programs such as a mailing list? What things do you want your mailing list to do? Do you want to be able to add or delete names? Do you want to be able to make changes or sort alphabetically by names or towns or by zip codes? In this example the need for definition is obvious.

I have also made some changes to the program since it was published. On line 40 and 5000 the For...Next loops should read FOR A=1 TO F+3 STEP4. Alter the following lines as shown in Program Listing 2. With these changes you should be able to learn in 15 minutes what it took me 2½ years to figure out.

The program I presented was not intended as an applications program, but as a sample of programming method. The full-fledged mail list program is available through Futureview Software, PO Box 1295, Joplin, MO 64802.

Dennis Drew  
Joplin, MO

## Newsprint Update

The March 1982 issue of 80 Microcomputing carried a review of our Newsprint word processor. That review contained several statements that were flat-out false, misleading to your readers, and potentially very damaging to our sales. I appreciate your willingness to allow me this opportunity to respond to those errors, as follows:

● "There is no way to look up what you want to do." This is stated in a paragraph that insinuates our manual is like the Radio Shack Level II Manual. Now, our manual has a table of contents, an index, a section called "How To..."; two chapters of commands in alphabetical sequence, and hundreds of cross-references throughout the text. If that isn't sufficient to let someone look up what he wants to do, what is? All other reviews have raved about our documentation and said it is the best ever written for a microcomputer. Actually, even this 80 review said that "Newsprint has a fantastic documentation...with a table of contents and index." And then it goes right on to say there's no way to look up what you want to do. Though obviously contradictory, many of your readers will remember only that derogatory statement.

● "The greatest page number is 999..." The upper limit is 32767 (although I admit I never tried a number above 9999), and while even 999 is more than most peo-

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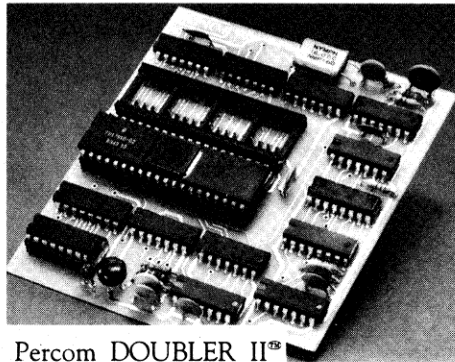
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(Ed. Note: See "OS-80™: Bridging the TRS-80\* software compatibility gap" elsewhere on this page.)

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### All that glitters is not gold

### OS-80™ Bridging the TRS-80\* software compatibility gap

Compatibility between TRS-80\* Model I diskettes and the new Model III is about as genuine as a gold-plated lead Kruggerand.

True, Model I TRSDOS\* diskettes can be read on a Model III. But first they must be converted and re-recorded for Model III operation.

And you *cannot write* to a Model I TRSDOS\* diskette. Not with a Model III. You cannot add a file. Delete a file. Or in any way modify a Model I TRSDOS diskette with a Model III computer.

Furthermore, your converted TRSDOS diskettes cannot be converted *back* for Model I operation.

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# 80 DEBUG

## Day of the Week Bugs

Since my article "If this is Tuesday, it must be..." appeared in the January 1982 issue of *80 Microcomputing*, I have received many requests for clarification of the Program Listing. Two lines are printed incorrectly in the listing on page 308. Line 130 should read: `130 H = INT (5*Y/4)` and line 170 should read `170 W = W - INT (W/7)*7`.

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## Array I/O Bugs

The program listings accompanying my article "Array I/O" (*80 Microcomputing*, January 1982) contain several errors.

Line 460 of Program Listing 1 should read

```
460      CALL 01F8H      ;CASSETTE OFF
```

Line 860 should read

```
860 EXIT      CALL 01F8H      ;CASSETTE OFF
```

Delete lines 470 and 870.

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## Lost in Limbo

I assembled Mark Paxton's first utility, ("Lost in Basic"), from the January 1982 issue of *80 Microcomputing*. It executed in Level II, and in Disk Basic if I entered the subject program from the keyboard or from cassette. When I ran the utility against a program loaded from disk, Find went off into limbo. The following patch corrects this problem, allowing the utility to function correctly regardless of the program source. Change line 1140 to read `1140 CONT2 DEC HL`. Add line 1145 `PUSH HL`.

You can further refine the two returns to Basic. The jumps to 1A19H, as published, pushes the stack pointer one address per execution of Find. With a large program in memory, repeated execution of Find results in an Out of Memory error. To correct this potential problem, change the jumps at lines 1130 and 2310 to `JP 06CCH`.

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## How Many Colonies?

While playing "Space Empires" (*80 Microcomputing*, August 1981) my six-year-old son decided that since he did not have the required 90 megacredits to build a colony he would build only 0.1. The program responded with

"Number of Colonies Built: 1".

In examining the program I found that line 940 accepts your input of the number of colonies to build as B. Line 945 compares B with 0 and goes to line 1060 if they are equal. Line 964 compares B with E1 to see if there is a colony to be built.

Line 950 generates B1 and line 960 determines if you have enough credits. The problem arises because there is no comparison to check if you have paid the full 90 megacredits per colony. You can correct this by either checking the number of colonies (B) being requested or the amount of credits used. Add line `942 B = INT(B)`, this checks the number of colonies and also ensures the entire 90 megacredits are used instead of only a fraction.

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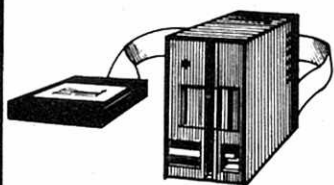
Program Listing 2 was missing from Richard W. Castor's article "The Philatelist's Friend" in the December 1981 issue. Here it is:

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90 CLEAR 2500:DEFSTRS,Y,D:DEFINTQ,R,C,P,L,E
95 DIMS1(120,13),L1(20),P$(20)
100 CLS: PRINT TAB(17)***** PHILATELIC INVENTORY *****:PRINT TAB
(24)***** EDITOR *****
101 GOTOL220
102 'C$="UNITED STATES":Q=1:Y1="1880":Y2="1940":Y3="1978":S1="50
0":S2="900":R=3:T=336:D="700":S1(1,13)="14"
103 'S1(1,0)="550":FOR N=1 TO 4:LET S1(1,N)=RIGHT$(STR$(N),1):NE
XT N
104 'S1(2,0)="750":FORN=1TO9:LETS1(2,N)=RIGHT$(STR$(N),1):NEXTN:
FORN=10TO12:LETS1(2,N)=RIGHT$(STR$(N),2):NEXTN
105 CLS:PRINT TAB(25)***** MENU *****:PRINT
110 PRINT"TYPE (1) TO SEE AN EXISTING LISTING"
115 PRINT TAB(5)"(2) TO CORRECT/UPDATE EXISTING LISTING"
120 PRINT TAB(5)"(3) TO ADD TO INVENTORY"
125 PRINT TAB(5)"(4) FOR ANNUAL VALUE UPDATING"
130 PRINT TAB(5)"(5) TO SAVE UPDATED FILE"
135 PRINT TAB(5)"(6) TO END PROGRAM"
140 INPUT E:IFE>6GOTO105ELSEONEGOTO200,1000,420,600,1120,1205
200 CLS:PRINT"SCOTT CATALOG NUMBER DESIRED";TAB(32);:INPUT B$
205 FOR R1=1 TO R
210 IFS1(R1,0)=B$THEN220
215 NEXT R1:PRINT"SCOTT CATALOG NUMBER=";B$;"-NOT IN FILE":GOTO
265
220 PRINT"USED SINGLES";TAB(25)S1(R1,1);TAB(32)"CATALOG VALUE";T
AB(50)S1(R1,2)
225 PRINT"MINT SINGLES";TAB(25)S1(R1,3);TAB(32)"CATALOG VALUE";T
AB(50)S1(R1,4)
230 IF VAL(B$)<VAL(D) GOTO 255
235 PRINT"MINT PLATE BLOCKS";TAB(25)S1(R1,5);TAB(32)"CATALOG VAL
UE";TAB(50)S1(R1,6)
240 PRINT"MINT SHEETS";TAB(25)S1(R1,7);TAB(32)"CATALOG VALUE";T
AB(50)S1(R1,8)
245 PRINT"FIRST DAY COVERS";TAB(25)S1(R1,9);TAB(32)"CATALOG VALU
E";TAB(50)S1(R1,10)
```

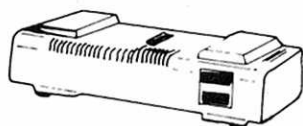
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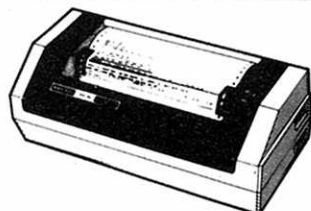
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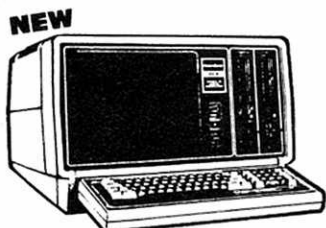
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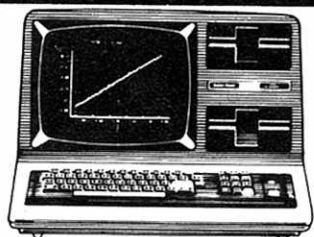
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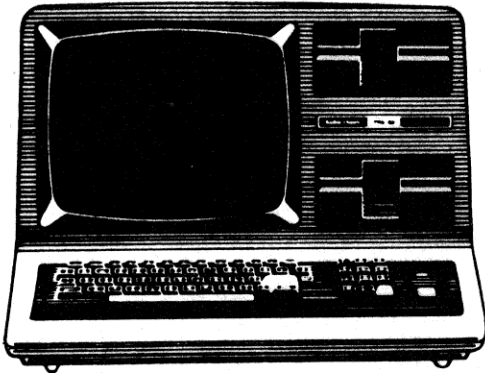
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ALUE";TAB(50)S1(R1,12):GOTO 260
255 GOSUB1300:PRINT:PRINTTAB(32)"TOTAL VALUE";TAB(50)S1(R1,13):G
OTO265
260 GOSUB1305:PRINTTAB(32)"TOTAL VALUE";TAB(49)S1(R1,13)
265 PRINT:INPUT"ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL LISTING? YES OR NO";A$
270 IF A$="YES" THEN GOTO 200 ELSE CLS:GOTO 105
420 PRINT:PRINT TAB(14)"**** FILE #";Q;"-INPUT ROUTINE ****"
425 PRINT"TO END INVENTORY, ENTER THE SCOTT CATALOG NUMBER ";S2;
" FOR END OF FILE"
430 IF VAL(S1)<VAL(D) THEN PRINT"INVENTORY WILL INCLUDE ONLY USE
D AND MINT SPECIMENS":PRINT"FOR SCOTT CATALOG NUMBERS LESS THAN
--";D
431 R=R:PRINT
500 PRINT "SCOTT CATALOG NUMBER";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,0)
501 IFS1(R,0)=S2THENCLS:GOTO105
502 IF VAL(S1(R,0))<VAL(S1)ORVAL(S1(R,0))>VAL(S2) THEN PRINT"NOT
IN THIS INVENTORY":INPUT "HIT ENTER TO CONTINUE";X:GOTO 500
505 PRINT "NUMBER OF USED COPIES";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,1)
510 PRINT "AT CATALOG VALUE OF";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,2)
515 PRINT "NUMBER OF MINT COPIES";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,3)
520 PRINT "AT CATALOG VALUE OF";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,4)
525 IFVAL(S1(R,0))<VAL(D)THENR1=R:GOSUB1300:R=R1:PRINT"TOTAL CAT
ALOG VALUE ABOVE";TAB(32)S1(R,13):T=T+VAL(S1(R,13))
530 IFVAL(S1(R,0))<VAL(D)THENR=R+1:GOTO500
535 PRINT "NUMBER OF MINT PLATE BLOCKS";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,5)
540 PRINT "AT CATALOG VALUE OF";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,6)
545 PRINT "NUMBER OF MINT SHEETS";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,7)
550 PRINT "AT CATALOG VALUE OF";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,8)
555 PRINT "NUMBER OF FIRST DAY COVERS";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,9)
560 PRINT "AT CATALOG VALUE OF";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,10)
565 PRINT "SPECIAL SITUATIONS";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,11)
570 PRINT "AT CATALOG VALUE OF";TAB(32);:INPUT S1(R,12)
575 R1=R:GOSUB1305:R=R1:PRINT"TOTAL CATALOG VALUE";TAB(32)S1(R,1
3):T=T+VAL(S1(R,13))
580 R=R+1
581 IFR>120THENPRINT"FILE FULL":GOTO105
582 GOTO500
600 PRINT TAB(17)"**** ANNUAL VALUE UPDATE ****"
605 INPUT"PRICING IS BASED UPON CATALOG VALUES FOR YEAR--";Y3:PR
INT
610 CLS:PRINT"TYPE (2) FOR USED SINGLES";TAB(32)"(4) FOR MINT SI
NGLES"
615 PRINT TAB(5)"(6) FOR MINT PLATE BLOCKS";TAB(32)"(8) FOR MINT
SHEETS"
620 PRINT TAB(4)"(10) FOR FIRST DAY COVERS";TAB(31)"(12) FOR SPE
CIAL SITUATIONS"
625 INPUT C:IF C=1 OR C=3 OR C=5 OR C=7 OR C=9 OR C=11 THEN GOTO
610
630 IF C=2 PRINT"USED SINGLES PRICE UPDATE":GOTO 640
631 IF C=4 PRINT"MINT SINGLES PRICE UPDATE":GOTO 640
632 IF C=6 PRINT"MINT PLATE BLOCK PRICE UPDATE":GOTO 665
633 IF C=8 PRINT"MINT SHEET PRICE UPDATE":GOTO 665
634 IF C=10 PRINT"FIRST DAY COVER PRICE UPDATE":GOTO 665
635 IF C=12 PRINT"SPECIAL SITUATION PRICE UPDATE":GOTO 665
640 FOR R1=1 TO R
641 IFS1(R1,0)=S2THENPRINT"END OF INVENTORY":INPUT"HIT ENTER TO
CONTINUE";X:CLS:GOTO655
645 PRINT"SCOTT CATALOG NUMBER";TAB(25)S1(R1,0);TAB(32)"NEW VALU
E";TAB(50);:INPUT S1(R1,C)
650 NEXT R1
655 INPUT"ANOTHER PRICE UPDATE? YES OR NO";A$
660 IF A$="YES" THEN GOTO 610 ELSE GOTO 699
665 FOR R1=1 TO R
670 IF (VAL(S1(R1,0))=VAL(D)ANDS1(R1,0)>D)ORS1(R1,0)=DORVAL(S1(R1
,0))>VAL(D)THENGOTO680
675 NEXT R1
680 FOR R2=R1 TO R
681 IF VAL(S1(R2,0))<VAL(D) THEN R1=R2:GOTO 670
682 IFS1(R2,0)=S2THENGOTO690
685 PRINT"SCOTT CATALOG NUMBER";TAB(25)S1(R2,0);TAB(32)"NEW VALU
E";TAB(50);:INPUT S1(R2,C)

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Program continues

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ple ever need, the comment leaves a negative impression with the reader.

• "There are several programs, most of them are written in Basic..." and later, to drive the stake home, "Though the program is in Basic..." Now, that's really great! There are over 4,000 Z80 machine language instructions in Newscrip, and about 800 lines of Basic code in the two main programs that do disk I/O and setup of tables for the 20 distinctly different printers we fully support. To me, that sounds like a sophisticated machine-language program with some Basic programs acting as front-ends. The reviewer marvels that we never lose keystrokes even though we are in Basic, but doesn't seem to realize that nothing written in Basic could be one tenth as fast as Newscrip. Unfortunately, readers have long since been warned that nothing in Basic is worth buying, so combined with a manual that doesn't let them look anything up, they are by now convinced that Newscrip is not for them. This is untrue, of course. We use Basic to make it easy to add tables for new printers, and to avoid the incompatibilities among the operating systems. The single version of Newscrip a customer buys will run on all the operating systems and can even be moved between Model I and III! That's a big reason for retaining some Basic. But none of that is explained in this review.

• "The program... does not provide any means of hyphenating." At the time the review was written, that was true, but the current release of Newscrip supports both hard hyphens and ghost hyphens. The error here is one of obsolescence and lack of communication, and could have been avoided by reading the letter of response I sent the author last November. Unfortunately, that letter seems to have been ignored, and since the reviewer has an unlisted phone number, it was impossible for me to set the record straight.

In fairness to the author of the review, he also made many favorable comments and on balance seemed to like Newscrip very much. Based on correspondence with him (prior to his writing this article), I believe he is well satisfied with Newscrip and with the support he has received from Prosoft. Feedback and suggestions from our customers and reviewers have been heeded, and Newscrip 7.0 contains a number of performance, functional and ease-of-use enhancements that were inspired by such people and offered to existing customers for very modest fees. I'll be glad to make a copy of 7.0 available to one of your reviewers so that a timely and

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Program continued

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690 IF R2=R PRINT"END OF INVENTORY":INPUT"HIT ENTER TO CONTINUE"
;X:CLS:GOTO 655
695 NEXT R2
699 FOR R1=1 TO R
700 IF VAL(S1(R1,0))<VAL(D) THEN GOSUB1300
705 IF VAL(S1(R1,0))=VAL(D) AND S1(R1,0)>D OR S1(R1,0)=DORVAL(S1(R1,0))>VAL(D) THEN GOSUB1305
706 NEXT R1
710 T=0
715 FOR R1=1 TO R
720 T=T+VAL(S1(R1,13))
725 NEXT R1:IF E<>5 THEN GOTO 105 ELSE GOTO 1120
1000 CLS
1005 PRINT TAB(18)"**** EDIT DATA ROUTINE ****"
1010 PRINT:PRINT"COLUMN NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS"
1015 PRINT:PRINT"USED SINGLES";TAB(25)"1";TAB(32)"CATALOG VALUE";TAB(50)"2"
1020 PRINT"MINT SINGLES";TAB(25)"3";TAB(32)"CATALOG VALUE";TAB(50)"4"
1025 PRINT"MINT PLATE BLOCKS";TAB(25)"5";TAB(32)"CATALOG VALUE";TAB(50)"6"
1030 PRINT"MINT SHEETS";TAB(25)"7";TAB(32)"CATALOG VALUE";TAB(50)"8"
1035 PRINT"FIRST DAY COVERS";TAB(25)"9";TAB(32)"CATALOG VALUE";TAB(49)"10"
1040 PRINT"SPECIAL SITUATIONS";TAB(24)"11";TAB(32)"CATALOG VALUE";TAB(49)"12"
1045 PRINT:PRINT"SCOTT CATALOG NUMBER AND COLUMN OF ENTRY":INPUT"TO BE CORRECTED";B$,C:PRINT
1050 FOR R1=1 TO R
1055 IF S1(R1,0)=B$ GOTO 1065
1060 NEXT R1:PRINT"SCOTT CATALOG NUMBER--";B$;---NOT IN FILE":GOTO 1085
1065 PRINT"DATA NOW READS--";S1(R1,C)
1070 PRINT:INPUT"ENTER CORRECT DATA--";S1(R1,C)
1075 IF VAL(B$)<VAL(D) THEN GOSUB1300
1080 IF VAL(B$)=VAL(D) AND B$>D OR B$>VAL(D) THEN GOSUB1305
1085 INPUT"HAVE ALL CORRECTIONS BEEN MADE? YES OR NO";A$
1090 IF A$="YES" THEN CLS:GOTO 1100
1095 IF A$="NO" THEN CLS:GOTO 1010
1100 T=0
1105 FOR R1=1 TO R
1106 PRINT R1;VAL(S1(R1,13))
1110 T=T+VAL(S1(R1,13))
1115 NEXT R1:IF E<4 THEN GOTO 105
1120 C=0:R1=1:P=1:K1=0:P$(P)="" :CLS:PRINT"BE PATIENT--I'M WORKING"
1121 LET V=VAL(S1(R1,C))
1122 IF R1=R THEN PRINT"FORMATTING COMPLETE":L1(P)=K1:GOTO 1150
1124 L=LEN(S1(R1,C)):L$=RIGHT$(STR$(L),1)
1126 IF S1(R1,C)="" OR LEN(S1(R1,C))=0 OR VAL(S1(R1,C))=0 THEN L$="1":L=L-1:S1(R1,C)=""
1128 S1(R1,C)=L$+S1(R1,C):L$=""
1130 K1=K1+(L+1)
1132 IF 248-K1<L+1 THEN L1(P)=K1-(L+1):K1=L+1:P=P+1:P$(P)=""
1134 P$(P)=P$(P)+S1(R1,C)
1141 IFC=4 AND V<VAL(D) THEN S1(R1,C)="" :C=13:GOTO 1124
1142 S1(R1,C)="" :C=C+1
1146 IFC=14 THEN R1=R+1:C=0:GOTO 1121
1148 GOTO 1124
1150 GOSUB1315
1156 PRINT:PRINT"NOTE LOCATION AT WHICH THIS FILE IS TO START":INPUT"PLACE CASSETTE IN <RECORD> MODE. WHEN READY, PRESS <ENTER>":X:CLS
1158 PRINT#-1,C$,Q,Y1,Y2,Y3,S1,S2,R,T,D,P
1160 FOR P1=1 TO P
1162 PRINT P1;L1(P1);P$(P1)
1164 PRINT#-1,L1(P1);P$(P1)
1166 INPUT"PRESS <ENTER> TO CONTINUE";X:CLS
1168 NEXT P1:CLS

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Program continues

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accurate description of our product can be presented to your readers in the near future.

Chuck Tesler  
Prosoft  
North Hollywood, CA

Yes, we have erred. The Newsprint review we ran in March was on an older version. We, too, believe the reviewer liked the program, but misstated some facts. We offer our sincere apologies to Prosoft.

A review of Newsprint 6.2 will appear in the May issue of our sister publication, Microcomputing. The reviewer, Bruce Powel Douglass, has long been a critic of poor documentation. Yet he claims the Newsprint documentation is the best he has seen and recommends that other companies use it as a model. He also points out that there is little, if any, loss of execution speed due to the portions of Basic code in Newsprint, and this is hardly a point of concern. Douglass and our reviewer in March recommend the program.—Eds.

## Mod II Compiler Basic Revisited

I wish to comment on Larry Clark's article on Model II Compiler Basic (*80 Microcomputing*, February 1982). The review is unnecessarily harsh. Unlike Mr. Clark, I use Compiler Basic extensively. I believe Compiler Basic is preferable to Microsoft Basic for the development of large programs for the Model II. Mr. Clark makes much of memory limitations of Compiler Basic. The limitations apply only when the development system is used in its quasi-interpret mode. In this mode, source code, object code and RSBASIC are all in memory, together with TRSDOS. Therefore, you cannot develop large programs with the quasi-interpret command Run.

You can develop large programs using the Compile command, however. Approximately 15K of source program can be held in memory at the same time as RSBASIC. This is the limitation for using the automatic Renumber command for all of any one source file. However, source files can be divided in convenient pieces and independently renumbered in RSBASIC, and then later joined back together in one very large source file using BEdit. The overall limitation on object program size that can reside in memory at run time is

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34,320 bytes.

I market Estate Planning Model, an estate tax planning decision support system. This program has 51,982 bytes of source code, divided into three modules which chain back and forth. I originally wrote this program in Microsoft Basic, but I later converted it to Compiler Basic. I use both languages extensively and prefer RSBASIC for the development of large programs.

RSBASIC offers the following advantages:

- Much better security of source code.
- True subroutines. All subroutines

must be compiled with the main program at the same time, but I do not find that onerous.

- The ability to read the screen directly. Somehow this function was omitted from Model II Microsoft Basic, but it is included in RSBASIC and greatly simplifies using formatted I/O screens.

- Program chaining.

- Source program lines can be copied from one portion of a source file to another portion of a source file, with automatic renumbering.

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Canfield, OH

## 80 DEBUG

Program continued

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1170 PRINT"RECORDING COMPLETE. NOTE TAPE LOCATION"
1174 PRINT:INPUT"HAVE YOU RECORDED THIS FILE TWICE. (Y/N)";A$:CL
S
1176 IFA$="Y"THENGOTO1178ELSEGOTO1150
1178 GOTO105
1205 INPUT"HAVE YOU RECORDED THIS FILE TWICE? YES OR NO";A$:CLS
1210 IFA$="YES"THENGOTO1215ELSEGOTO105
1215 PRINT"TO EDIT, ADD TO, OR REVIEW THIS INVENTORY, RUN PROGRA
M LEVEL B":END
1220 PRINT"INSERT DESIRED FILE. PLACE CASSETTE IN PLAY MODE AT PR
OPER":INPUT"LOCATION. WHEN READY, HIT ENTER";X:CLS:PRINT"DATA FI
LES LOADING"
1222 INPUT#-1,C$,Q,Y1,Y2,Y3,S1,S2,R,T,D,P
1224 GOSUB1315
1230 FORP1=1TOP
1232 INPUT#-1,L1(P1),P$(P1)
1234 PRINTL1(P1);P$(P1)
1236 NEXTP1
1238 CLS:PRINT"RETRIEVAL COMPLETE":INPUT"PRESS <ENTER> TO CONTIN
UE";X:CLS:PRINT"MATRIX RESTORATION IN PROCESS"
1240 P1=1:R1=1:C=0:K1=1
1242 S1(R1,C)=MID$(P$(P1),(K1+1),VAL(MID$(P$(P1),K1,1))):IFC=0TH
ENV=VAL(S1(R1,C))
1243 'PRINTK1;P1;R1;C;S1(R1,C):INPUT"PRESS <ENTER> TO CONTINUE";
X:CLS
1244 K1=K1+1+VAL(MID$(P$(P1),K1,1)):IFK1>L1(P1)THENP$(P1)="" :P1
=P1+1:K1=1
1246 IFR1=RTHEN GOTO1258
1248 IFS1(R1,C)=""THENS1(R1,C)=""
1250 IFC=4 AND V<VAL(D)THENC=13:GOTO1242
1252 C=C+1
1254 IFC=14THENR1=R1+1:C=0:GOTO1242
1256 GOTO1242
1258 PRINT"MATRIX RESTORATION COMPLETE":PRINT:INPUT"TO SEE THE M
ENU, PRESS <ENTER>";X:CLS:GOTO105
1300 S1(R1,13)=STR$(VAL(S1(R1,1))*VAL(S1(R1,2))+VAL(S1(R1,3))*VA
L(S1(R1,4))+VAL(S1(R1,5))*VAL(S1(R1,6))+VAL(S1(R1,7))*VAL(S1(R1,
8))+VAL(S1(R1,9))*VAL(S1(R1,10))+VAL(S1(R1,11))*VAL(S1(R1,12)))
1310 S1(R1,13)=RIGHT$(S1(R1,13),LEN(S1(R1,13))-1):RETURN
1315 PRINT"COUNTRY "CS" FILE# "Q" CONSISTS OF "R-1" RECORDS":PRI
NT"HAVING A TOTAL VALUE OF $ "T:PRINT"FILE INCLUDES SPECIMENS ISS
UED FROM "Y1" THROUGH "Y2:PRINT"AND IS BASED UPON "Y3" CATALOG V
ALUES"
1320 PRINT:PRINT"FILE INCLUDES SCOTT CATALOG # "S1" THROUGH # "S2:
PRINT"WITH A FULL INVENTORY # "D" AND ABOVE"
1325 PRINT"THESE ARE "P" PRINT STATEMENTS":PRINT"THESE ARE "120-
(R-1)" ENTRIES REMAINING":RETURN

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## Mod II Scripsit Inferior

The review of Model II Scripsit (*80 Microcomputing*, February 1982) was informative and accurate, but it failed to adequately contrast that word processing system with systems available for Models I and III. In my job I use Model II Scripsit and at home I use Model I Scripsit (usually enhanced by either SuperScript or Qwerty). Model II Scripsit is generally much inferior in speed and ease of use.

Model II Scripsit has almost none of the features of Model I Scripsit and it is much less "user friendly." The only feature of Model II Scripsit that represents an advance over Model I Scripsit is the "User Defined Keys" feature.

The Model II has been touted as a professional level computer. Anyone who uses word processing on a professional level, as I do, will find that the Model II is less professional than the Model I. Readers who want to get into word processing should visit a Radio Shack computer center and take along a stop watch. They should type a 600 word document with both a Model II and a Model III computer, using the respective Scripsit programs, and time the operation. Then they should make some major changes—such as switching paragraphs around—and time them. When they have a satisfactory final version, they should make a backup copy on another disk and time that operation. I predict that they will find the Model II Scripsit to be less than half as fast as the Model III Scripsit and much clumsier to use. Surely any review of a word processing program ought to take such matters into account.

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## NEWDOS80 Corrections

We at Apparat wish to thank Paul Prescott and *80 Microcomputing* for an excellent article on our NEWDOS80 Version 2.0 released in August 1981. We offer the following corrections: The NEWDOS80 Version 2.0 for the Model I is sold separate from that for the Model III and vice versa; MINI-DOS does not support chaining; regular DOS and DOS-CALL do; CBF is format six of Copy and was available in a more limited extent in Version 1.0; Basic has only four new overlays, not eight; and the full-disk-copy-to-apply-zaps service is \$10.

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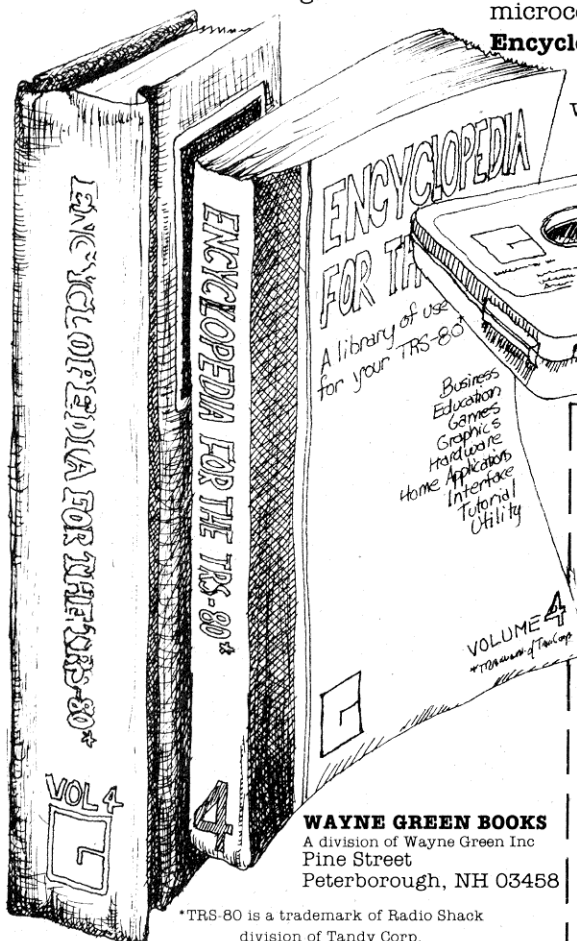
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# 80 REVIEWS

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*"... this bibliography includes only... the academic approach to computer music."*

***A Bibliography of Computer Music  
A Reference for Composers***  
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by Dennis Bathory Kitsz

Computer music experienced a dramatic resurgence and remarkable changes at the outset of the 1980s. Those changes make *A Bibliography of Computer Music*, by Sandra J. Tjepkema—with only a few entries past 1978—more a historical document than an active reference. But more importantly, this bibliography includes only what might be thought of as the academic approach to computer music, with emphasis on *Computer Music Journal* and the publications of universities and such centers as IRCAM (Institut de Recherche et Coordination Acoustique/Musique) in Paris.

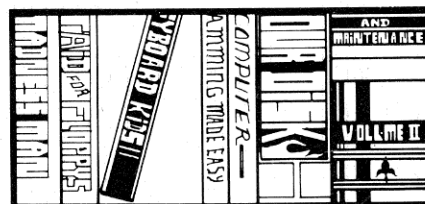
Although much research is being carried out at the university level, a nevertheless significant proportion of computer musical activity is also occurring less formally, as the creative process so often does. By limiting her listings for the most part to official computer, computer music, and professional music publications,

Tjepkema has missed a wealth of important work being done in the computer music field. The inclusion of just one year of the West Coast Computer Faire Proceedings (1977) is a curious demonstration of that limitation.

These drawbacks, though important to working composers—to whom Tjepkema directs the work—do not diminish the heart of the collection itself. The bibliography consists of about 1,000 entries and cross-references covering all phases of computer (as distinguished from analog synthesized) music, including interviews with composers, technical reports, and even user manuals for electronic music studios. Analog synthesis is specifically not covered by this work.

The volume includes over 20 years of writing (1956–1979, most from 1961–1978), with heaviest concentrations during the late 60s (when the avant-gardists and engineers first teamed up) and the second half of the 70s (when microcomputers began to bring digital power to an economically feasible status). Only about 100 entries date before 1965, and these are mainly of historical and artistic interest. Annotations are clear and concise, though the inclusion of many foreign language entries with no annotations at all is discomfiting. The book is cross-indexed by person (both author and subject), but includes a very weak subject index that

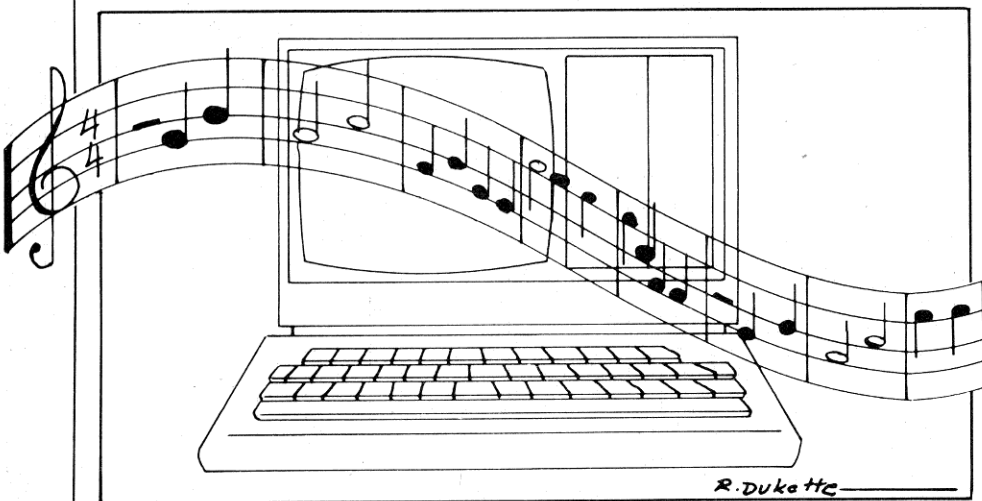
greatly limits its usefulness. The glossary of acronyms is minimal, no reference by year is provided, and the manufacturer listing is inevitably dated.



Tjepkema's competence to address the task of such a bibliography is clear, as is her enthusiasm. Compilation of a bibliography is an arduous undertaking, requiring contacts with libraries, authors and publishers across the world. But perhaps it is her enthusiasm that brought about the premature publication of the work, its coverage ending just as a remarkable increase in computer music work was beginning. In any case, a second volume covering work through the mid 80s—even in periodical form—would be very welcome.

To return to the topic of the book's flaws in coverage, major sources of computer music information have not been included, among them the alternative music press (especially from New York City and southern California), composer notes from record jackets, and reprints from seminars and gallery performances in such places as New York's Soho and the Brooklyn Academy of Music. In fact, local (non-academic) work from across the world is missing.

The underrepresentation of the writings of major composers is also unfortunate. Pulitzer Prize winners Morton Subotnik and Charles Wuorinen are not found at all, nor is John Cage, whose collaborations with Lejaren Hiller (amply represented) broke new ground in the field. Charles Dodge and David Behrman, composers of very accessible digitally generated music, are limited to two entries each. The lack of transcripts of public radio programs, record jacket notes, and other so-called ephemera give these leading writers short shrift. On the other hand, long-time academics such as Herbert Brun are ac-



commodated with more than two pages.

Finally, the absence of a discography, —which would partly redeem the exclusion of record jacket notes, cuts off the bibliography from its source: the music itself. The *Schwann Record and Tape Catalog* has listed electronic music separately for several years, and Composers' Recordings Inc. has a complete catalog. Thus, the absence of a discography as an integral part of the bibliography is both unfortunate and unnecessary.

*"... the bibliography is... an important addition to the musical scholar's library."*

In summary, *A Bibliography of Computer Music* fills an important void in a growing field of music composition and performance. Though limited in scope for working composers, the bibliography is nevertheless an important addition to the musical scholar's library. ■

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**B**asic *Faster and Better and Other Mysteries* is a book worth its price. As a long-time programmer, I am confident with my skills, but I must admit *Basic Faster and Better* has taught me a few things. If you are a prospective buyer read the preface by Lewis Rosenfelder. If the preface doesn't talk you into buying the book then you do not need it or you are not ready for it.

The introduction answers the question "What is faster and better?" Rosenfelder explains how sacrificing in one area leads to benefits in another. The programmer must decide what results he wants and then make the proper decisions (and sacrifices if necessary) to attain the best operating program he can.

This point is well taken. If speed is important then write your program with speed in mind. You may have to sacrifice long, gingerbread routines that make the program look nice. On the other hand, in order to make a program more user oriented you may have to sacrifice speed.

Rosenfelder's point is the programmer must evaluate the needs of the program and the prospective user. Next he must write a program that is as easy and as fast as possible while using a minimum of memory. The resulting program is Basic that is both faster and better.

You can make one part of a program very fast but not open to much user control. You can also include fancy input routines that are slow but are easy to use in the same program. The object of *Basic Faster and Better* is to show you how to achieve this happy medium in all of the software you write.

Rosenfelder points out many of the errors programmers make. Then he shows you how, based on his own experience, to beat the problems and to actually write better Basic. He explains what trade-offs to make and when they are appropriate.

I wish I could reproduce the table of contents for you in this article. It is so extensive it looks like the index to most other books. Rosenfelder covers every trick of the trade in detail and supplies an invaluable library of subroutines that you can use over and over to reduce memory usage, speed execution and make a program user oriented. If you don't like typing a library of subroutines and demos to keep for future use, you can buy two disks with the routines already on them and ready to merge into your programs (\$19.95 each).

Manipulation of strings, arrays, I/O routines, video displays, keyboard input, utilities and much more are the stock and trade of the programmer. Although Basic programming is the book's main concern, Rosenfelder supplies some machine language. Don't be alarmed, you don't have to understand it to use it. He supplies machine language for proven routines that increase speed in sorting

and other processing tasks and are complete with explanations on how to implement them into your programs.

Although any Basic programmer can gain valuable information from this book it is mainly geared to disk users, though there is plenty of worthwhile information for the non-disk programmer as well.

The book assumes that everyone has a NEWDOS or NEWDOS80 operating system. There may be some incompatibilities with operating systems other than Apparat systems such as in the I/O routines. If you are in doubt, call or write IJG, and ask them about possible problems with your operating system.

#### Conclusion

The book is worth the money no matter what level of programming ability you possess. If you are one of those who was disappointed in past... & *Other Mysteries* books, give them one more try with this one. Go to your local computer store and sit down with a copy. Read the beginning and take a brief look through the book. It is an honest and successful effort to aid the Basic programmer. *Basic Faster and Better* is the best IJG publication so far. ■

**Graphic Software for Microcomputers**  
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by Terry Kepner

**A**t first glance *Graphic Software for Microcomputers* reminded me of the TRS-80 Level I manual in color and shape, except that it was much thicker. Since I had recently purchased a Radio Shack Color Computer, I was interested in learning more about graphics techniques (the TRS-80 manual was more interested in

telling me about the commands than teaching me the tricks needed for good graphics programming). A quick perusal of the book, and its relatively low cost, decided the matter; I bought it.

This book is a good buy. It not only discusses the theory of operation of the simple points (drawing a line, circle, density filling, and so on), but also covers complicated graphic maneuvers (scaling, rotating, motion translating and the like). The book even provides Basic programs that do each of these activities.

The book was originally written for the Apple computer, but is very easy to use with the TRS-80 Color Computer. All you have to do is to change all the references to HPLLOT to PSET or LINE, and HCOLOR to COLOR.



Dr. Korites knows how to teach students and how to prepare a reference manual. Each concept is given its own page, which is split vertically between the explanation and the Basic program. You should know simple math and have at least a nodding familiarity with the concept of X-Y Cartesian coordinate systems. Dr. Korites assumes you have no knowledge of the next level of math required which includes vector mathematics and matrix manipulation, subjects familiar to few members of the microcomputer public. He includes sufficient instructions in the text to enable you to understand these ideas well enough to use

the graphics techniques that he explains in the book.

The book begins at the most basic level possible—how to put a dot on the high resolution screen. By the end of the book you should be able to translate, rotate and stretch a box in three dimensions simultaneously.

The book has no absolute page numbering system. Each chapter is numbered using Roman numerals, and the first page of each chapter is labeled page 1. Only one side of each page is actually printed; the reverse is purposely left blank for notes.

This book not only provides the same

theory and practice problems as most graphics books, but also gives usable programs that demonstrate each technique as it is introduced. It starts out at a level perfect for the beginning graphics programmer, but is sectionalized so that the accomplished programmer can easily go to the area that interests him or her and get the needed information. Dr. Korites is to be commended for the thought and effort he has put into making this book as understandable and readable as it is.

I strongly recommend this book to anyone interested in learning how to do shape manipulations on a microcomputer, whether they are simple or complex. ■

## Computer Major League: The Game of Professional Baseball

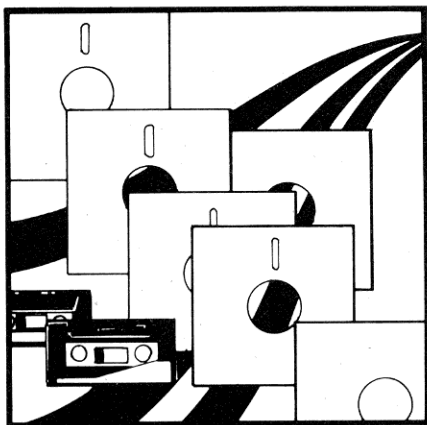
Avalon Hill Microcomputer Games

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Model I, 32K  
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by John P. Mello Jr.

**W**alk into any place where aficionados of the Grand Game congregate and ask what's the best major league simulation game on the market. You will get a chorus of replies, but if you are looking for harmony, you will find more of it on a street corner in Philly.



There are the venerable institutions of baseball gaming—APBA and Strat-O-Matic—and at least a dozen newcomers, including Time Travel Baseball, which allows you to move players from one era to another including the future.

Now into the fray enters the prestigious game house, Avalon Hill, with not only a board version of baseball, but one for the microcomputer.

Let there be no misunderstanding. Avalon Hill's computer game is not for the arcade set. It is a text game founded on the baseball fan's unflagging fascination with statistics. To those unschooled in the intricacies of the national pastime, the game may already sound too predictable. But it is no more predictable than the board games and given the vagaries of the Model I, probably less so.

When you load Major League, it takes a few seconds to initialize. This can cause some anxiety about whether the game is loading properly. Palpitations could have been averted with an initializing prompt.

After loading, the game's main menu appears. It summarizes the commands at your disposal in the play mode. You can exit to the menu any time without disturbing a game in progress.

You enter the home and visiting teams and you are ready to set up your lineup. All 26 major league teams and their 25-man rosters from 1980 are included in the game. (Avalon Hill said it intends to market a method to update the game to conform with 1981 performances by the players.) However, repeated attempts to load the Phillies—world champions in 1980—yielded the message "team not found." A look at the disk directory, though, revealed your TRS-80 will find the team from the City of Brotherly Love if you punch in "Philles."

By keying in V or H you can call up the roster of the visiting or home team. By each fielder is his number, positions he plays, batting average, slugging percentage, and overall running speed. At this point, it would be helpful to know a player's ability to sacrifice and hit and run, but these ratings (along with home run, walk, on-base running, and strikeout ratings) can't be accessed until the game is under way.

Although the documentation notes the

game incorporates a player's fielding ability into the fabric of play, you do not have access to that information—definitely a drawback in the late innings when you are hanging on to a one-run lead and want your best defensive players in the field.

This is also bothersome when your team is batting. If you have a runner on

*"Major League  
takes the drudgery  
out of  
baseball simulation."*

base, you want to know how good a catcher's arm is. In this game, you don't find out until you steal. Then, sometimes, it is too late. Here, though, the offensive player gets an idea about an outfielder's arm. If you have the option of taking an extra base, the chances of your runner making it are displayed as a percentage on the screen.

For anyone that's ever fumbled with a scorecard, Major League is a dream. To set your lineup from the roster mode, you enter three numbers: a player's position in the batting order, number and position (1 for pitcher, 2 for catcher. . .). The numbers appear in three columns to the right of your roster. When you exit to the play mode, the names and stats of the players in the home and visiting lineups are displayed in a column on the left of your CRT.

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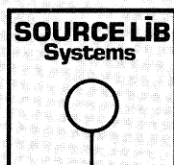
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scorecard and going batty trying to interpret your hen scratchings. And behold! Major League also contains a print routine so you can print a box score of the game.

Information, however, clutters the play-mode screen. In the upper left, you have the lineups; on the right, the player batting and three rows of information on his hitting and running skills; below that, a baseball diamond; across the bottom, innings, outs, line score and a two-by-two matrix. After several games, we deduced the matrix represented the pitchers' ability rating and fatigue factor. A little labeling here would have been helpful even if it does add to the screen clutter.

Three numbers at the top right of the screen do not seem very useful. The first is a number from 1-12 determining who controls a situation—the batter or pitcher. Which end of the range favors whom, though, isn't explained. The second number is a random number from 1-64 determining the outcome of a play. The higher numbers are usually outs, but there's no

hint whether this number will affect the next play or determined the outcome of the previous one. Third is a number from 1-80 determining if an error's been made. Since a message appears when an error is made, this number seems superfluous.

When your first hitter enters the batter's box, you can make him swing away by hitting the space bar or bunt for a hit by pressing B. When a runner gets on base, his name and on-base running rating is displayed by the sack. With ducks on the pond, the batter has the additional options of hit and run, sacrifice, and suicide squeeze with a runner on third base.

Defensively, your options are limited to moving the infield in or out and pulling pitchers. As batters get hits or bases on balls and runs are scored, a pitcher's stamina is reduced. When it reaches zero, hitters will have a field day.

During a game, the screen may clear and the messages clutch hitting, clutch defense or unusual play will appear. The clutch messages appeared several times

in games played by 80 Micro staff, but only once did anything clutch happen. Most of the time the batter just had to hit again. According to the game's documentation, unusual plays include an injury to a player, ejection of a player and a rain out. We would add another oddity—one board players don't worry about—Model I glitch.

Despite its drawbacks, computer Major League takes the drudgery out of baseball simulation. Some fans may find it exciting to roll n-sided dice and pore through cards and charts, but as for us, we would rather have a micro do it. After all, the cerebral part of the game is making decisions and reacting to field situations—not acquiring eye strain reading charts.

As for realism, what could be more realistic than the Brewers at Red Sox game we played? Boston struggled through eight innings barely able to scratch out two runs while Milwaukee threatened in almost every inning. Then the patented Fenway fireworks came in the last frame and the final: 5-4 for the home team. ■

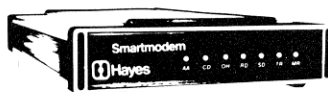
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by Debra Marshall  
80 Micro staff

**A**nother triumphant teaser from Med Systems Software, Asylum is all any Deathmaze or Labyrinth fan could ask for and more. Asylum is similar to earlier games, and yet unique; the game board is a maze of halls and doors, but doesn't seem to double onto itself as did Labyrinth. While the halls are more straightforward, the situations you find yourself in are not.

Asylum is a huge building full of locked rooms with keys just out of reach, grenades that don't explode — if you handle

them right — nearly bare rooms, crazed inmates, equally crazed guards, and doctors you shouldn't trust. It is a maze of riddles and mysteries. It could drive you insane.

The graphics in Asylum differ from those in the two earlier games. In Deathmaze and Labyrinth it was expected that you would wander halls for hours, days or even months without encountering more than a closed box, an occasional door or keyhole, or a message on a wall. Asylum provides a visual relief, with graphic depictions of beds, chairs, desks, doors with bars, inmates, guards, and so on.

The Med Systems people were kind enough to provide me with a graphics sampler disk as well as the game disk to review; I guess they know me well enough to realize that I would be totally intrigued by their game and equally incapable of finding my way around their maze.

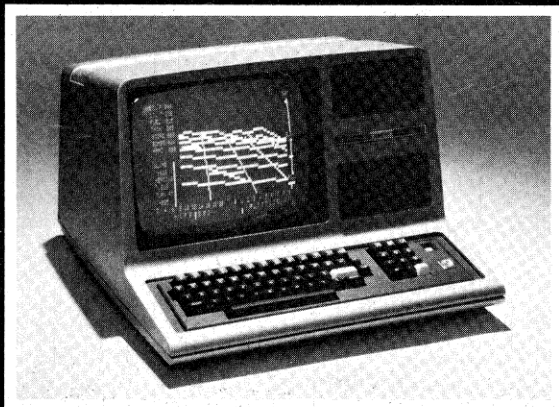
As a matter of fact, I couldn't even get out of the first room without help. Either the Med Systems people are finding more obscure commands to use in their games

or I'm slipping. Asylum came with a list of commands, which early Deathmaze fans never had the advantage of, but I still could not figure out what word would unhook that darn grenade without getting myself blown up. Oh well, half the fun is in the frustration.

Asylum commands are more sophisticated than the earlier games'; the number of commands isn't as limited. The kinds of things it is possible to do has expanded greatly, and while you are not directly interacting with the characters you meet in the maze, they do affect your situation directly. The guards will haul you back to a room and lock you in, but that isn't necessarily a bad situation.

Any game player who likes thinking games and is not totally hooked on the graphicless adventures should like Asylum. Even staunch defenders of adventures will like Asylum; it is an adventure with a twist. Deathmaze and Labyrinth players should find Asylum a challenge. But be sure to bring along a sharp imagination and a steady patience. ■

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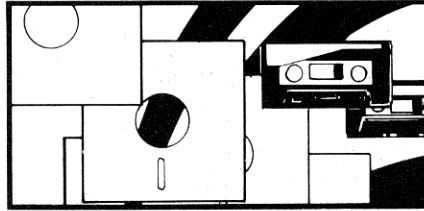
**S**pace Waste Race is an interactive computerized storybook. Based upon the idea of sending our excess garbage into space to be rid of it, the program is very interactive, and a novel idea. Each nine lines of the story is accompanied by a screen of graphics.

It also allows for a lot of manipulation. The complete story can be viewed without interruption, or individual pages can be repeated as many times as you like. You can practice moving the moons; by pressing the arrows or bracket keys, the face of the man in the moon appears to shake, nod, or look around.

The program has good and bad points. The graphics capability of the TRS-80 is limited to drawing graphics with blocks rather than the dots of the Apple and Col- or Computer. This means that a diagonal line on the Model I or III looks like a stair- case, and moons are not nearly round.

The instructions suggest the program

is designed for non-readers, but the nine- line story includes such vocabulary as "collecting," "jealous" and "imagine." In addition, the on-screen instructions are beyond the young reader. Perhaps the au- thor intended an adult to read through the story with the child.



After a cute title page with graphics and a musical theme, the program goes to the menu: Storybook; Look, Nod & Shake; Funtime; End. Storybook and Funtime proceed to other menus. Storybook allows you to run through the story—the whole thing, individual pages, just the text, or just the title page. Look, Nod & Shake lets you play with the moons, making them look in various directions.

The games in Funtime are: Moon Drops, a counting game; Fall Out, a number and letter identification game; Moon Pass, a game for developing the spatial concepts of over and under; Hole in the Moon, a game teaching numerical and alphabeti- cal order; and Moon Looks, a game for

concepts of direction. (The last three are only on the 32K version and feature automatic scoring.)

The games are interesting but trivial; they could be developed more. For exam- ple, in Moon Pass if you miss seeing the moon pass on the screen and do not re- spond to the question in a reasonable amount of time, the program should loop back and show you the problem again. Also, Hole in the Moon takes three numbers or letters in sequence, shows two of them and asks for the missing one. If a mistake is made the program should make you type in the correct answer for possible reinforcement.

In addition, all the games reward equal- ly for correct and incorrect responses: the moon nods for correct answers, and shakes its head from side to side for incor- rect ones. If there was more action for a correct answer the child might be more in- clined to find the right response.

Space Waste Race could be improved in many ways—the games could be more developed and better designed, a more age-appropriate story could be chosen, and the program could be friendlier by asking for your name when you start. However, the idea is an interesting one. Space Waste Race may be the storybook of the future; but Space Waste Race will not replace parents reading to their children. ■

**Ann Rose—Our Accounts-Receiveable Clerk**  
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by Frederic S. Goldstein

**A**nn Rose—Our Accounts-Receiveable Clerk was designed specifically for applications where the majority of the bill- ings are repetitive standard amounts. Gar- bage companies, trailer courts and park-

drives. One is used for the program and data, and the other is used exclusively for data. You can modify the Model III version to run with one disk. This review is based on tests run on a Model I.

On the Model I each pair of disks can handle up to 328 accounts. If you have more accounts, you must use additional sets of disks. You can use any number of sets, however, since the program cannot pass data from one pair of disks to the next. You must establish separate con- trols for each.

Peter G. Dunn, a CPA with the firm of Sturdivant and Dunn, developed the pro-

houses. As such, it has the benefit of per- sonal business experiences in a particular industry. Their experience and this soft- ware, though, may not be universally ap- plicable.

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*"(Ann Rose) is part of a  
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In reality Ann Rose is a 17-line computerized ledger card. Unfortunately, since the system cannot key payments against specific charges, problems could develop if you had to reconcile a high volume account. Because the program prints only 17 transactions and the net balance due, the amount paid could be for details previously purged.

The monthly report of customer balances requires some explanation since at first glance it looks to be out of balance. The detail columns provided—service charge, 30–60 days, and over 60 days—do not necessarily total to the balance-due column. The difference is the current amount due, which you find on the posting-to-accounts-receivable report. Since the system is set up to print at 10 pitch on 8½ by 11-inch paper, space is at a premium and some information was omitted. Mr Dunn should have included the total balance due as a single number or used a short name for the customer so that the report would crossfoot.

The program provides an accounts-receivable list with the account number, code, name, phone number and blank spaces in the columns labeled charge and payment. At first, it appears that it should contain a recap of the financial figures, but it is intended as a worksheet for the bookkeeper.

The system calculates interest at the rate of 1½ percent per month on balances over 30 days late.

The system's major weakness is its documentation. The manual starts out by providing a step-by-step list of instructions for formatting new disks and backing up and copying the program from the non-system disk provided. The documentation explicitly reminds the user to make adequate back-up copies every time he runs the system. (After terminating pro-

cessing, the system even displays a parting message of "MAKE BACKUPS.")

Unfortunately, there is very little follow-up documentation on how to run the system. Essentially, the manual says "experiment!" This is an excellent way to learn about the system, but reading about it first would have been better. A new and expanded version of the documentation should be available soon.

In addition to the incomplete documentation, the system has other deficiencies. For example, bills are printed without account numbers and there is no provision for sales analyses or commission analyses.

Although Ann Rose is not as widely distributed as the Radio Shack Receivable system, the program developer and sever-

al of his clients, including a garbage company with 2,000 accounts and a utility company with about 1,000 accounts, are using it successfully. The developer is still modifying the system and improvements will evolve such as order entry processing and some form of inventory control. This will make the package less industry specific.

Would I recommend this system to a client? Yes, but only under special circumstances. At present Ann Rose could be ideal for a small business with repetitive standard billings. However, the lack of comprehensive documentation limits its usefulness to someone already familiar with data processing and the industries for which the package was designed. In that instance you should find it easy to install and use. ■

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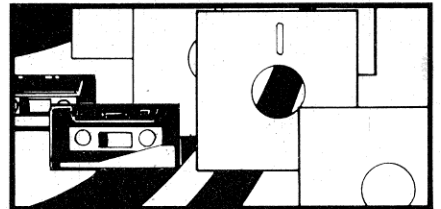
by **Michael E. Nadeau**  
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**G**raphics and sound can make or break a computer game; both are done very well in *The Voyage of the Valkyrie*.

The game itself is no innovation. You are the pilot of the ship *Valkyrie*; your mission is to capture the island of Fugloy. The island has 10 castles, each guarded by a different number and type of bird. Your first task is to map the island. Roughly two hours of trial and error gives you the map, but be prepared to die a few times in the process.

You must shoot the birds to capture castles. The elite Fugloy Airforce can appear anywhere on the island. These birds shoot back; some are more powerful and quicker than others. Each shot consumes valuable energy points. You must also keep an eye on your shield level. To shoot the birds you must aim crosshairs that appear on the screen when you put on your shields. How well you aim these crosshairs bears directly on your success at the game.

There are 10 levels of play, with each successive level putting more birds into the fight. Once you have mastered the art of shooting birds, however, the game only becomes longer with each increase in difficulty level.



The graphics are undoubtedly the best feature of *Valkyrie*. The birds move unpredictably (at first) with their wings flapping and shots flashing. The castles are all different and equally impressive. Few games can boast TRS-80 graphics as good as these.

When you first play *Valkyrie*, it is very difficult to shoot the birds. Eventually patterns emerge and the game becomes much easier to play. I am most dissatisfied with this fact. Once you map the game and develop your shooting technique the game ceases to be a challenge.

Yet the game remains entertaining because of the graphics and an unusual use of sound (selections from Richard Wagner's operas). The game begins with the March from "Tannhauser"; "The Ride of the Valkyrie" (my favorite) plays each time you capture a castle. The Prelude from Act III of "Lohengrin" signals that you have conquered the island. There are the usual blips and blaps as well, but they are uninspiring.

I like this game, but I cannot recommend it to anyone who wants a challenge everytime it is played. The game is quickly mastered and can become tedious. The graphics and sound redeem what would otherwise be a mediocre game. ■

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by Eric Maloney  
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My Life List program tells me I saw a Double-Breasted Tuna Grinder in Antrim, NH, last weekend. The weekend before, I ran across a Black-Billed Boot Stomper behind Dr. Fred's Auto Clinic. According to my notes, I blew the dirty little thing away with my grenade launcher.

How I managed before Manhattan Software came up with this bird list program I will never know. My closets were full of shoeboxes stuffed with matchbook covers, napkins, bank deposit slips, grocery store receipts—anything to

*"I blew the dirty little thing away..."*

scrawl a note on when I unexpectedly spied a Double-Shagged Throw Rug or Red-Eyed Fly Hog.

Naturally, my notes got confused. Was it a Clip-Winged Tarsucker that I flattened with my moped? Did I really see the rare Tie-Dyed Burger Bun while floating in my sensory deprivation tank? And where is that recipe for White-Crowned Sparrow fritters?

Life List takes care of all my problems. It lets me record the names of some 450 birds, along with the date and place sighted and any extra notes. I can sort the list alphabetically and get a complete printout with the touch of a button. I can perform a special search for any bird, using only part of its name.

Of course, the people who might possibly be interested in this program would probably fit into a phone booth, with room left over for an hors d'oeuvres table. But Charles Leedham of Manhattan Software says this is the sort of specialized offbeat program that microcomputers were made for.

After transferring my notes to disk, I was faced with another dilemma—what to do with all of those shoeboxes. It finally dawned on me, they would be perfect for storing field specimens. At last my roommate has stopped complaining about those stuffed birds under the kitchen sink. ■

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by Bruce Powel Douglass

**Z**Basic is back and is vastly improved. In a previous review I said it had some major problems, including integer math only, non-relocatable object programs, and it did not support all variable names. These and other flaws have been corrected.

I received ZBasic 2.0 on disk with a boot loader. It has several files for various memory sizes and a program from Miso-sys called CMDFILE, which saves compiled programs as tape System files. The program runs on Models I and III, enabling you to write software for the Model III on your Model I.

ZBasic is easier to use than ever. When calling ZBasic from disk (or load from tape), it interfaces with the keyboard device control block. To execute the compiler from Basic, press the comma, period and slash keys simultaneously. The compilation speed is slightly slower than the old version, but it is still incredibly fast. Compiled program speed is fast, too. Basic took over 50 seconds to white out the screen using a tight SET loop; ZBasic whites it out in under one second.

ZBasic still lets you jump back and forth between your Basic and compiled programs, making it the *only* interactive compiler available for any machine, to the best of my knowledge. ZBasic also allows the use of TRON/TROFF to trace the execution of compiled programs.

## The Options

After loading the compiler, ZBasic asks if you wish to change any parameters. If you do not, the compiler loads normally; if you do, you may choose a variety of options including: maximum string array size, maximum regular string length, top of available RAM, and base address of the object program.

The last two options let you choose where the variables and the program are to be stored in memory. This corrects a major fault in ZBasic 1.0; now you can relocate your object programs. Two significant results are: You can use your 48K or 32K machine to write software for 16K machines; and you may relocate your program where Basic resides normally if it is very large with large variable-space memory requirements. The latter enables

you to write much larger programs than possible before.

## The Manual

The manual is also much improved. Simutek has added an index (although some page numbers are wrong) and a command description section. It is easier to read and contains more useful information, such as the command syntax, dif-

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These commands are called using the

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ferences between the Basic and ZBasic versions of the commands, and examples of the commands.

ZBasic 2.0 supports high-precision mathematics. It can carry about 62 significant digits through the use of binary coded decimal math routines. (You may define this to be less during configure time.) None of the transcendental math functions are supported, but the manual supplies routines to generate them as needed.

The high-precision math is computed in an interesting manner. To add two high-precision numbers, rather than write  $A = A * C$ , write  $@ A\$ = A\$ * C\$$ ; the @ tells the computer that the string operations are actually high-precision math. It is different, but with a little practice it is no problem. In fact, by using the appropriate Taylor series and other approximate algorithms, accuracy improves for a variety of mathematical functions over mere double precision in Basic. ZBasic can now be used for some types of scientific numerical processing, particularly those sensitive to roundoff error such as Gauss-Jordan elimination for unstable systems and polynomial synthetic division.

The compiler is available with and without the high-precision math routines. The routines use about 700 bytes of memory; if you need this space you can simply use the version without them.

ZBasic 2.0 has several improvements over Basic:

- Block move of memory (10,000 bytes per second)
- Compare (i.e., find byte sequence in memory)
- Invert memory (great for graphics)
- Tone generator (for external speaker)
- High-speed multiply and divide

unused Basic tokens. For example, block moves are done using SIN or COS commands, and the compare functions use the CINT and CDBL commands. The special USR calls use the TAN and MKI\$, MKS\$ and MKD\$ functions. These commands are easy to use and well explained.

The tone generator is a nice feature. To use it, choose the frequency (pitch), duration and a constant to generate tones requiring an external amplifier. My only reservation is the tone duration is not a *time* duration, but a *cycle* duration. For high-frequency tones, the cycles are shorter and you must do some extra programming to keep the length of the tones consistent in terms of real time. If this had been fixed in the compiler it would be more useful. You may use these tones as a high-accuracy, time-delay loop as well.

ZBasic is an interactive compiler, meaning your source, object (compiled) and compiler programs are all coresident in memory simultaneously. When you activate the compiler, ZBasic compiles your programs and gives you the options of returning to Basic, running the compiled program, or saving the program to disk or tape. If you set the configuration to relocate your object program elsewhere, you cannot execute it, but you can save it to disk or tape. This means you can run the program in your programming environment, and compile it to run in the object environment. If you have dreams of writing 16K machine games on your 48K computer, ZBasic may prove invaluable.

## Error Detection

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The **INSTANT ASSEMBLER** is a powerful disk or tape-based assembler and debugger for the TRS-80. Now you can assemble directly to memory and immediately debug your program with the built in single stepping debugger. Quickly switch from assembler to debugger and back again without losing the source code. This feature makes **INSTANT ASSEMBLER** an excellent learning tool for assembly language programming.

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Written by Dr. A.H. Gray, Jr., co-author (with J.D. Markel) of the classic text 'Linear Prediction of Speech', this complete package includes 3 versions of the machine language FFTASM routine assembled for 16, 32, and 48K machines, a short sample Basic program to access them, a 10K Basic program which includes sophisticated interactive graphing and data manipulation, and a manual of instructions and examples. The machine language subroutines use variables defined by a supporting Basic program to make data entry and retrieval automatic, without PEEKs and POKEs. They perform 20 to 40 times faster than their Basic equivalent (256 points in 12.5 seconds), and handle up to a 1024 point complex FFT. The FFT is useful in analyzing stock market and commodity trends as well as for signal analysis.

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quickly, and it minimizes the pain of correcting syntax differences.

Missing in the manual is a subroutine map of the run-time system. If you are familiar with Assembly-language programming, you can write a program using all the available ZBasic commands (in simple form) with a minimum of control-passing through GOTOs and GOSUBs, and use a disassembling monitor (such as TASMON) to look at the calls the compiled program makes to the run-time system. Since you already know the order of the statements in your program, you can determine which routines perform which functions. You may then use these subroutines in your machine-language programs by placing the appropriate values in the appropriate registers and simply calling that routine.

Simutek also thoughtfully included a Misosys program called CMDFILE, a utility with some nice capabilities such as:

appending two or more CMD files or System tapes into one file; offsetting a tape or disk file so it loads into an area other than where it was meant to execute; appending machine-language programs with "patched" code without reassembling the program; single-drive copy of CMD files; and creating System tapes from non-contiguous blocks of memory.

This utility is a useful addition to the ZBasic package. You may optionally keep a loading log sent to the printer for a permanent copy. The main uses in this environment include: downloading a compiled program from disk to tape; and creating merged ZBasic/machine-language programs.

The latter option is especially useful. I created a logo and stored the 1,024-byte screen to disk. Since I wanted to use this screen in my ZBasic program, I needed to load it into memory with the program, although they may not load into contiguous

blocks of RAM. This utility enabled me to easily merge the programs together into a unified whole.

ZBasic 2.0 is a powerful, interactive compiler possessing capabilities beyond those offered by any other compiler on the market. Although it generally requires re-writing of source programs to compile them with ZBasic, the compiler works incredibly quickly, as do the object programs.

High-precision math, disk and tape sequential files, a built-in tone generator, special USR machine-language routines to pass four or six registers, and other useful functions are now available. The manual is much improved and includes many examples of source programs and routines.

Best of all, no royalties need be paid for selling compiled programs. ZBasic 2.0 has my highest recommendation. ■

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by Robert Jacobs

**A** hhhh, instant relief! At last there is a permanent cure for contact oxidation on Model I edge connectors. Many TRS-80 users are familiar with the symptoms: untimely resets, spontaneous reboots, or the inability to get the computer started at all

without a frustrating session with a pink eraser.

The Gold Plug 80 is a well made device consisting of an edge-card plug with gold plated contacts, available with either 34 or 40 contacts. The rear of the plug has terminal tabs which fit exactly over the existing foil fingers on the TRS-80's connectors. After installation, the original plugs have been extended about a half inch, meaning that the plastic door covers no longer fit. This did not trouble me, but you should take it into consideration. E.A.P.'s advertising leaflet, by the way, cautions you about the doors, which is refreshing. They also have the excellent policy of permitting you to return any plugs ordered for

a refund if after seeing them you are unwilling to undertake the installation.

An excellent set of instructions accompany the plugs, and they are shipped promptly. I ordered mine by mail on a Monday and received my set of plugs by first class mail on Tuesday of the next week.

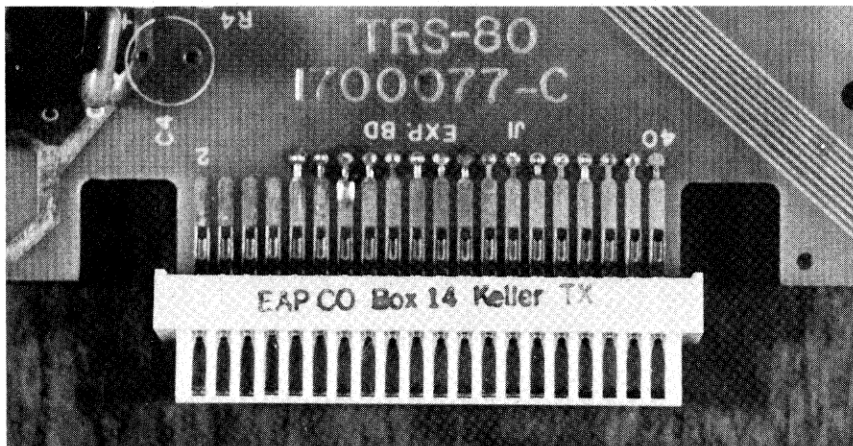
## Installation

Installation requires a soldering iron (I use a 40-watt Weller), Rosin-core solder, a Phillips screwdriver, and your last Pink Pearl. The keyboard and Expansion Interface have to be disassembled to get at the connectors, which are then cleaned—the eraser's last fling. The Gold Plug 80 is fitted over the existing plug with the contacts centered, and then soldered to the board. I have some soldering experience, but it proved to be an easy, safe job. The contact is heated, a very small amount of solder applied, and then you go on to the next contact. It took about an hour to do all six plugs.

If you are a little nervous about this kind of work, note that all the contacts on the underside of the RS-232 output connector are grounded—that is, they are all connected. Start there; you can do no harm and the practice will be helpful.

The Gold Plug 80 set I bought included all six plugs. The plugs are available individually for \$9.95, or you can get a pair for the keyboard to Expansion Interface cable for \$18.95.

As I said earlier, I did resolder every connector on the machine, and I haven't had a single unwanted reset since. ■



*The Gold Plug 80*

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**Mod II Games**  
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 \$75

by Paul Grupp

The fact that you own Tandy's most expensive business machine doesn't mean you shouldn't be able to play computer games every now and then. Many a Model II owner has turned green with envy watching a lowly Model III hacker zapping Klingons and docking at the star base. Let's face it—Mod II owners are people too, and there is nothing like a good computer game to reestablish friendship with a dull business machine.

Small Business Systems Group has had an excellent package of Model II games available for some time now. Their plan was to make some of the more popular types of games available to the Model II user, rather than produce super games taking advantage of the Model II's unique speed and memory capabilities. If you bear this in mind, you'll find the package very satisfying. Written by Lance Micklus, it includes Star Trek, Checkers, Concentration, Treasure Hunt, Banko and Dog Star Adventure. The Star Trek game is a superior example of the genre, demanding both strategic planning and tactical know-how. It is complicated enough to be absorbing, but not so demanding that it is boring. I started playing it at seven o'clock one evening, and when I came back to earth, it was five in the morning!

Dog Star Adventure also rates as a top game. Even a jaded computer adventurer will find those dastardly twists and shocking surprises entertaining. Banko is essentially a Black Jack game, with the computer as a dealer playing to win.

The remaining games on the disk I can live without. The programs are written well, but I can't get excited about Checkers and Concentration under any circumstance. Others may enjoy them immensely. All the programs were well documented, and contained no bugs or glitches.

The package is reasonably priced for the number of games included, and is well worth buying to have around the office for those moments when business is slow. Many who have spent hours grinding out accounts receivable and statistical analyses may never have had the experience of playing a good computer game. To them this Lance Micklus package can be a real eye-opener! ■

## New! Greymoon



Greymoon is the medieval land in which this simulation of conquest and economic development takes place. As creator of Greymoon, you can buy, sell, plant, feed, hire, build, raid, invade, and consult various advisers. Objectives? Gain land become wealthy, develop your initial small village into a city state and increase your rank from master to King. Obstacles? Every year brings one of over a dozen random events, which, until the end of year, are unknown to you except through hints by your advisers. Can you compete with the many neighboring nations of Greymoon?

Even has sound routines. It will keep you interested for hours on end. Each game is different. The game is very fast but you can play at your own speed. All ages will like it and it takes no special skills but a sharp mind. This is better than an adventure game in the fact that each game is different and is more realistic.

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the creator's ghost has sensed an intruder, and he is determined to hunt you down. (His intelligence in tracking was set by you). This feature makes this simulation unlike others for you're always "on the go."

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We could make twice as much money selling you a copy of Dos Plus 3.4 at \$149.00 but why should you spend that much for a system that won't do as much as Multi Dos will for \$79.00.

We recently asked some of our programmers what they thought of Multidos. Bill Dunlevy author of Dungeon Escape and Greymoon said "I am a programmer who values my time greatly. When I sit down to program, I wish to program, not dig through manuals or have unexpected things happen. MULTIDOS is an operating system which provides maximum results with minimal effort. Having a global editor, a graphics mode, and various other aids available at the touch of one or two keys is extraordinarily helpful in program production, debugging, and efficiency. I will never give up the versatility offered by MULTIDOS!"

Gordon Monnier Owner of two small business's and the author of Small Business Checking and Billing programs said, "I own New Dos 80 and Dos Plus 3.4 along with Multidos. I use Multidos exclusively on both the Model I and the Model III. I have found Multidos to be more dependable, faster, and easier to use than the other two systems. MultiDos is oriented to the average user. The biggest thing is, that I can use it without constantly referring to manual and every program that I have will run on MultiDos without any alteration. Multi Dos is the ideal dos for a Business Man who wants a easy to use yet high powered operating system. Multi Dos is much more user friendly (easier to use) than any other dos on the market. It also has more features for the basic programmer than any other dos on the market.

Mark Feldman author of SuperDirectory, a Machine language directory program. "I used Dos Plus until I received my copy of

Multi Dos. Now I Use Multe Dos all the time. Multi Dos is faster and more user oriented than any other system I have seen. The Directory is the key to all of your disks and Multi Dos can do more with the directory than any other system. It's copy routine is faster and better than Dos Plus's. Its VFU utility is worth the price of the dos alone. It is the only dos that can read or write to all of the other major dos's. I couldn't have written my Directory program without Multi Dos's ability to read the different Directory's. Multi Dos can do more with graphics than any other system. It can pack graphics, list packed graphics in a basic program, print graphics characters from the keyboard and even screen dump them to the printer in either standard mode or Epson mode.

Multi Dos is not a cheap copy of other operating system's. It is a new Dos specially written for the average TRS-80 user. Listed below are some of the features that Multi Dos has that most of the other dos's don't have. This list has 34 things that would be commonly used by most people. 20 are exclusively Multi Dos.

*Repeat's last dos command, Multiple dos command, Hi Speed boot, nested Do file, software powerup, hi speed debug, executable debug, alphabetized directory, forms command, totals free, keyboard attributes, topmen, auto-multiple density recognition, copy only if sufficient space, graphics driver, single step basic, zero arrays, delete arrays, sort routing, used variables and their values displayed, transfer to level II, find, intelligent global editor, string packer, line splitter, line merger, renumber to line 0, renumber packed strings, lists graphics, automatic high speed, won't hang if no printer, repeating keys, menu driven copy to file, screen dump graphics to printer.*

These are the features that other dos's are spending thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours trying to copy (this is a quote from another company's ad that has 6 of the 34 features listed above).

### FAMILY TREE

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**Cheaptalk**  
**Alan Saville**  
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 \$19.95

by Bruce Powel Douglass

It occurred to me, if I can output tones as a square wave, why not voices? I have already written sound and music routines. Once I figure out how to code the tones, the rest is the same—output through the cassette to the ubiquitous amplifier.

I made a number of false starts and gradually the project made its way to a back burner. An ad for a program called Cheaptalk revived my interest in the project.

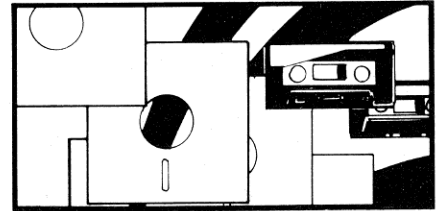
Cheaptalk comes with three programs. The first is a machine-language routine to output the sounds through the cassette port. The second program is a Basic driver routine to read bytes in memory and display them (while pronouncing the hex

names). The verbal output is limited to the numbers and letters in the hex number system. The letters are output as phonetics for clarity. The third program allows you to encode speech using hardware that Saville explains how to make. The routine is easy to write, essentially doing what ROM normally does when it reads tapes, except here you shorten the timing loops.

The voice is extremely raspy, but usually intelligible. The words zero, one and six are easy to understand. Several words just do not make it, however. These include Charley (for C), three, eight, and fox (for F). I worked two years as a dispatcher and I had to understand raspy, hard-to-understand voices. Cheaptalk is difficult for me to understand.

Creating your own words requires a hardware modification—nothing much, just a simple A/D converter. Saville provides instructions for two methods. Saville uses a direct A/D conversion, a method I abandoned as requiring too much memory. One requires you modify

the keyboard itself. For the other you build an external device to connect to the expansion interface port or to the keyboard expansion port. Instructions also show



how to modify the tape recorder for use as a microphone for inputting speech.

Although the package is not expensive, I cannot recommend it. The quality of tone is too low and the A/D encoding takes up too much memory, using 512 bytes per second of speech. A 10-word vocabulary would take full 5K of storage! Cheaptalk is a good idea, but needs to have a better encoding technique to allow for better resolution of voice tones and take less memory. ■

**Video I**  
**Archbold Electronics**  
 10708 Segovia Way  
 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
 Model I  
 \$24

by Howard L. Walker

The Video I reverse video modification kit is a reasonable monitor enhancement for the price. The kit includes two preassembled PC boards, two resistors, one zener diode, a double-sided adhesive pad, hookup wire and solder. One PC board mounts inside the keyboard housing and the other inside the video monitor.

## Assembly

After laying the keyboard face down, I removed the six screws in the rear cover. I turned the keyboard over and removed the cover. I set aside the white spacers between the keyboard and the CPU, and placed both boards carefully on the work mat.

I cut, stripped, tinned and soldered eight wires, varying in length from five to seven inches, to the indicated pads in the kit PC board. I had to cut one PC trace on the CPU.

I placed the CPU in the lowercase housing, installed spacers, and attached the

small PC board to the CPU with a piece of double-sided foam tape. I soldered the eight wires coming from the kit PC board to the CPU. After setting the keyboard in place, I replaced the cover.

Next came the video monitor. I put it face down and removed the bottom and rear covers. I extracted the video interface card and examined two resistors already in the card. Since they were the correct value for the modification, I did not use the two resistors in the kit. However, I replaced one resistor with the zener diode from the kit. I reinserted the interface card and turned my attention to the remaining PC board in the kit. I cut, stripped, tinned and soldered four five-inch wires to the kit PC board. I laid the monitor on its side and removed one resistor from the main board. I attached the four wires, and fastened the circuit board to the underside of the monitor board with a piece of adhesive pad. I finally reassembled the monitor.

After hooking up the interconnecting cables, I crossed my fingers and turned on the computer. The video display came up normally, white on grey. I typed X = INP (2) and pressed Enter. The screen background lightened and the print became black. I then typed X = INP (1) and pressed Enter—the display returned to normal. I ran the test listing in the instructions to check for display linearity and found no distortion. In case of distortion (or “tear-

ing” of the edge of the display), the instructions suggest decreasing a resistor on the video interface card.

The instructions state, “X = INP (2) will reverse video and X = INP (1) will display normal video.” However, other input values cause a similar change.

The address decoder scheme is non-absolute: address bits A7 and A5-A2 are not used in the decoding scheme. Any eight-bit address with bit 7 (A6) low and bit 2 (A1) high causes a reverse video condition. Whenever bit 7 (A6) goes high, the decoder circuit logic remains unchanged. A high on bit 1 (A0) and a low on bit 7 (A6) will decode and switch to normal video.

In the reverse video mode, dot data from Z30 in the video mixing circuit is fed into the reverse video board, inverted, and fed into Z41. Z41 then reinverts the dot data (it goes high). This results in a light background and black character dots.

## One Little Problem

The kit was easy to assemble and install. The only problem I found was in the operation section of the instructions. Pressing keys 7, 8 and 1 simultaneously is supposed to produce normal video, while keys 7, 8 and 2 should give reverse video. This function does not operate on my unit. I suspect it works in the Level I unit—the instructions show a keyboard without the satellite ROM board, the obvious modification in Level II. ■

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**Microline 82A**  
**Okidata Corporation**  
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 \$499-\$879

by Ed Thomas

With the improved print quality and reduced cost, today's line printers are looking more and more attractive to both the home and small business computerist. I finally decided it was time to upgrade my lowly Model I, 16K TRS-80 with this very useful peripheral—my manual typewriter was just too slow with me as the interface between Scripsit and a printout. The only question I had was which printer? After scanning vast amounts of literature, I decided on the Microline 82A.

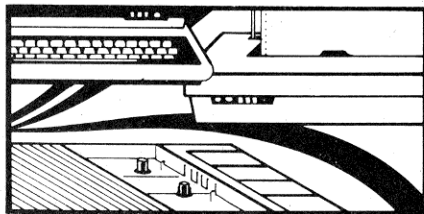
The Okidata Microline 82A is a fantastic little printer which I believe is superior to anything in and around its price range, realizing that each one of us have different criteria for evaluating the value of a printer.

#### Cost

I bought mine for \$499 plus postage. I have seen the list price as high as \$879, so it pays to shop around. Interfacing the printer can be done in either serial or parallel. I chose to invest in a 32K Expansion Interface and use a 36-pin cable rather than just a printer expansion cable. The place where I bought the printer extracted several pins to make it compatible with the TRS-80. This can be easily done yourself since the manual informs you how the pins are arranged for both serial and parallel interfaces.

One thing that is often forgotten is the cost of maintaining the printer—here is

where the Microline 82A shines. First, its print head is rated at 200 million characters. Replacement costs about \$143



(which compares well with Epson's disposable print heads costing \$30-\$40, and rated only at 50 million). Second, the printer uses a \$38.40-per-dozen ribbon on a spool rather than the often messy \$14.95 mobius ribbon. Though the mobius ribbon is rated at three million characters and the Okidata ribbon is only rated at 1.5-2 million characters, there is still an impressive savings with the Microline 82A (see cost chart). Having experienced no difficulty with the printer, I do not have any information regarding various service charges.

#### Features

The printer measures 14.2 inches wide by 12.9 inches deep by 5.2 inches high. It weighs 19.9 pounds and the case is made of aluminum. Its nine-pin print head prints at an impressive 120 characters per second. To increase its speed, the printer is both bidirectional and short-line seeking.

Pinfeed and frictionfeed are standard but a tractorfeed option is available for \$50 (a roll-paper stand is also available). The paper (8.5 inches wide, single sheet or roll, or 9.5-inch wide sprocket) may be fed from the rear. If you use sprocket paper you can feed the paper in from the bottom. There is a knob to advance the paper manually, a tear bar, and a wire guard to separate the paper entering the printer from the paper leaving the printer.

The controls on the front panel allow you to select form length (also software controllable), set the top of form, select/deselect (on-line with computer or under local control), form feed, and line feed. There are three lights which indicate select/deselect, out of paper, and power on. If you keep the line feed switch depressed while turning on the power and then release the line feed, the printer generates a self-test.

An access cover allows you to align the paper, change the ribbon, or adjust the distance between the print head and the paper (handy when using four sheets instead of just one). If you remove the entire case (which is not very difficult) you can access eight dip switches on the front

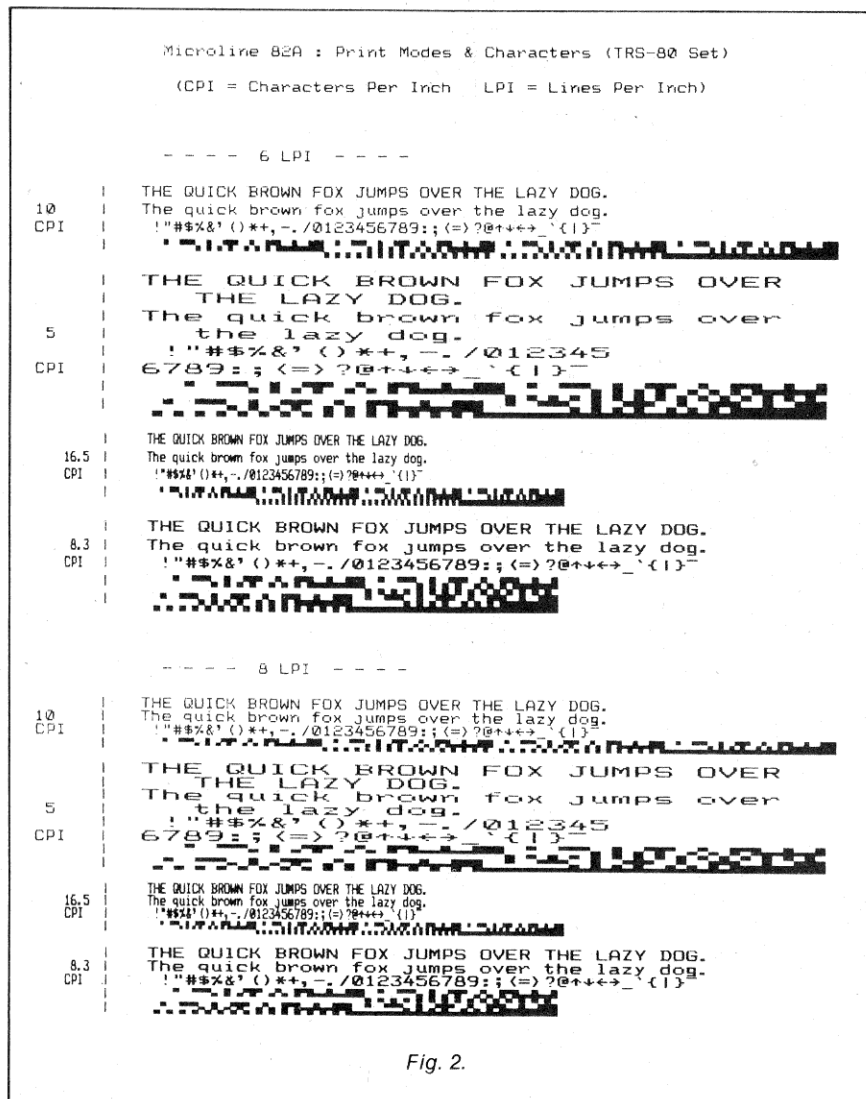


Fig. 2.

#### Comparing 82A and MX-80FT

Assume 300 million characters and no service charges

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(installed & postage)		(installed & postage)	
204 Ribbon Spool @ \$38 40/doz. ....	\$653	100 Ribbon @ \$15 .....	\$1500
Total .....	\$1374	Total .....	\$2324

Fig. 1. Cost Chart

panel. These switches can select either parallel or serial interface, one of 10 character sets, an optional character set, and other printer control codes. In addition to the dip switches there are the short plugs, a fuse, and a circuit breaker.

The nine-pin head generates a very good correspondence print and can be software controlled to print at 16.5, 10, 8.3 or 5 characters per inch. Line spacing is under software control and can be set at six or eight lines per inch. (Lowercase descenders are lost at eight lines per inch.) As mentioned before, it is possible to select by the dip switches any one of 10 different character sets (ASCII, TRS-80 and various European sets). Though

TRS-80 graphic blocks are supported, dot-graphics are not. It is not possible to over-strike or proportionally print each character to fill in the dot matrix. Another characteristic of this printer is that you can use 10 and 5 cpi or 16.5 and 8.3 cpi on the same line. You cannot, however, use any other combinations on the same line. See the print sample of the various cpi and lpi the Microline 82A generates (Fig. 2).

#### The Manual

The manual is not a self-study guide, but rather a bare bones approach to the basics. The pictures are helpful but there is a great lack of examples which illustrate how to utilize the printer's many fea-

tures. The troubleshooting section is a nice thought, but is rather brief and often a statement of the obvious.

#### Regrets

The dip switches could have been more accessible for easier and quicker changing among the various character sets. I have also found that the j is not printed as indicated in the test pattern included in the manual—I would have preferred to see the j dotted. The ability to use more combinations of the various print modes on any given line would also have been nice.

A more serious problem is the manual knob for advancing the paper. I have been using only single sheets and have found that the knob tends to pull the paper unevenly. One last comment is that I would like to see Okidata come out with a self-study guide (I believe Epson has done this for their MX-80). Such a guide would be very helpful for novices like myself who would like to use all the features of their printer.

I am delighted with my Microline 82A. It is fast, loaded with features and economical. ■

**Novell Image 800 Printer**  
**Novell Data Systems**  
**1170 North Industrial Park Drive**  
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**\$1,395**

by Ronald Beauchemin

**L**ocating the most cost-effective and reliable printer in the 150 cps range for your TRS-80 can be an arduous task for the professional and novice alike.

The printer I selected was the Novell Image 800 Dot-Matrix Printer. The manufacturer and the printer itself are probably

unknown to most microcomputer users because the printer has been marketed primarily to the Fortune 1,000 corporations and other medium to large-scale data processing installations. I became aware of the printer through literature I received as a computer systems analyst for a multi-national corporation. I requested further information about the printer from Novell.

After analyzing the specifications of this printer and others, I decided on the basis of cost and specifications that the Novell 800 was my best choice for my TRS-80.

The first step in my evaluation was determining if the printer could be properly interfaced to the TRS-80. I felt the printer should be plug compatible with the TRS-80 since it was available with a Centronics parallel interface.

The printer was delivered from a previous evaluation in which it was attached to an RS-232 device. I had the opportunity to use it in both the serial and parallel modes as I had a parallel to serial conversion device which operated at 300 baud. It worked well in the serial mode although this was not the configuration in which I had intended to operate the printer.

Installation of the parallel interface

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THIS LINE IS PRINTED AT 10 CPI. STD. WIDTH. STD. DENSITY

THIS LINE IS PRINTED AT 13.6 CPI. STD. WIDTH. STD. DENSITY

THIS LINE IS PRINTED AT 16.5 CPI. STD. WIDTH. STD. DENSITY

THIS LINE IS PRINTED AT 10 CPI. STD. WIDTH. DOUBLE DENSITY

THIS LINE IS PRINTED AT 10 CPI.
DOUBLE WIDTH. STD. DENSITY

THIS LINE IS PRINTED AT 13.6 CPI.
DOUBLE WIDTH. STD. DENSITY

THIS LINE IS PRINTED AT 16.5 CPI.
DOUBLE WIDTH. STD. DENSITY

X2 = A + B    THIS LINE CONTAINS SUPERSCRIPING
X2 = A + B    THIS LINE CONTAINS SUBSCRIPING

THIS LINE HAS 10 CPI SINGLE AND DOUBLE WIDTH AND SINGLE AGAIN

THIS LINE HAS 13.6 CPI SINGLE AND DOUBLE WIDTH AND SINGLE AGAIN
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Table 1. Novell 880 Printing Sample



board required no electronics ability at all. Anyone with common sense and the ability to handle a screwdriver could easily complete the installation in less than 20 minutes. (If a printer is ordered with the parallel interface this procedure is not necessary as the board is already installed.)

My first step was determining the proper cable to connect to the printer. The standard Radio Shack printer cables were 100 percent compatible. The Model I with the Expansion Interface and the Model III use cable number 6-1401. The Model I without the Expansion Interface uses cable number 26-1411 while the Model II uses cable number 26-4401.

With the proper cable installed, I had to make the following choices:

ting of one original and up to four copies (15-pound original, 12-pound copies with 7-pound carbon).

Additional printer features simplify the programming and day-to-day operation of the printer.

One of these features is automatic page advance, allowing the programmer to print Basic programs using LLIST without having the listing printed across the perforated edge of the page.

Another very helpful feature is the ability to change character width and density via program control. This lets you change to any one of seven print types at any time, including changing the width within the same lines. This is accomplished by imbedding a control character within the print data. The print types allowed by this

the CPU in the off-line mode until the buffer is full.

The standard buffer for the Novell 800 is 300 characters. I requested the six IC sockets for the additional buffer memory be installed at no extra cost allowing me to expand the buffer on my own without voiding the manufacturer's warranty.

By installing my own buffer memory I saved in excess of \$250 on the price of the printer. The buffer memory consists of two 2114 static RAM chips for each 1K buffer increment to be installed. Novell charges \$100 per 1K of buffer memory. The two chips may be purchased at Radio Shack (part # 276-2504) for \$7.98 each.

Once you have purchased the chips the installation is easy. Only three rules must be followed:

- The chips must be installed in pairs.
- Pin 1 orientation must be observed (match the indentation in the IC to the cutout in the socket).
- The pairs should be installed as follows:  
First Pair—socket U25 & U30  
Second Pair—socket U26 & U29  
Third Pair—socket U27 & U28

This additional buffer memory is helpful since the printer sends a printer-busy signal to the CPU only after the buffer is full. Extra memory allows the operator to stop the printer momentarily to check alignment and start the printer without significantly delaying the CPU.

My final consideration in my decision to purchase the printer concerned the technical and repair service.

Repair service may be obtained in two forms: purchasing a service contract or paying for each repair as needed on an hourly basis.

The service contract is best suited to a business desiring to have on-site service. Since my installation is small I chose to pay for repairs as they became necessary instead of incurring the overhead of a service contract (approximately \$25/month). In my case this option was more viable since the service branch is only 35 miles away.

Although I have not made use of the repair service, I have made use of their technical staff. The consultation was made via their toll-free number. The technical staff answered my questions in a prompt and professional manner. ■

## *"The Standard Radio Shack printer cables were found to be 100 percent compatible."*

- 80 or 136-column format
- Standard or optional character set
- 11 or 12-inch form length
- six or eight lines per vertical inch
- Insertion of line feed after carriage return
- Serial or parallel interface installed
- Accept carriage return for further processing
- 10 cpi standard density
- 13.6 cpi standard density
- 10 cpi double density
- 16.5 cpi standard density

For my particular application, I chose:

- 136-column format (15 inch wide paper)
- Standard character set
- 11-inch page length
- eight lines per inch
- Insert line feed after carriage return
- Parallel interface
- Accept carriage return for further processing
- No automatic advance at end of page
- 10 cpi standard density

Once the configuration (dip switch selectable) was completed I began the actual printing test. The print quality produced by the 9 by 9 dot matrix was excellent on forms ranging from stock, one-part, continuous-form, to thick continuous-form mailing labels.

The print quality is maintained by an adjustable print head allowing reliable printing

feature are 10 cpi, 13 cpi and 16.5 cpi in both single and double width. In addition is the availability of double-density printing at 10 cpi. This option reduces print speed by half since each character is over-printed once. The print quality obtained from this mode is as good as the print from a line printer using a print train.

Equally as important as the ease of programming is the ease of operation. The step button allows for easy alignment of forms by advancing the paper vertically in 1/48-inch increments. In addition to the step button, the form-feed button allows the operator to advance the paper a page at a time.

Once the forms are aligned and the printing begins the operator needs only to check on the printer periodically. For this reason it was imperative the printer have paper-out detection and off-line capability.

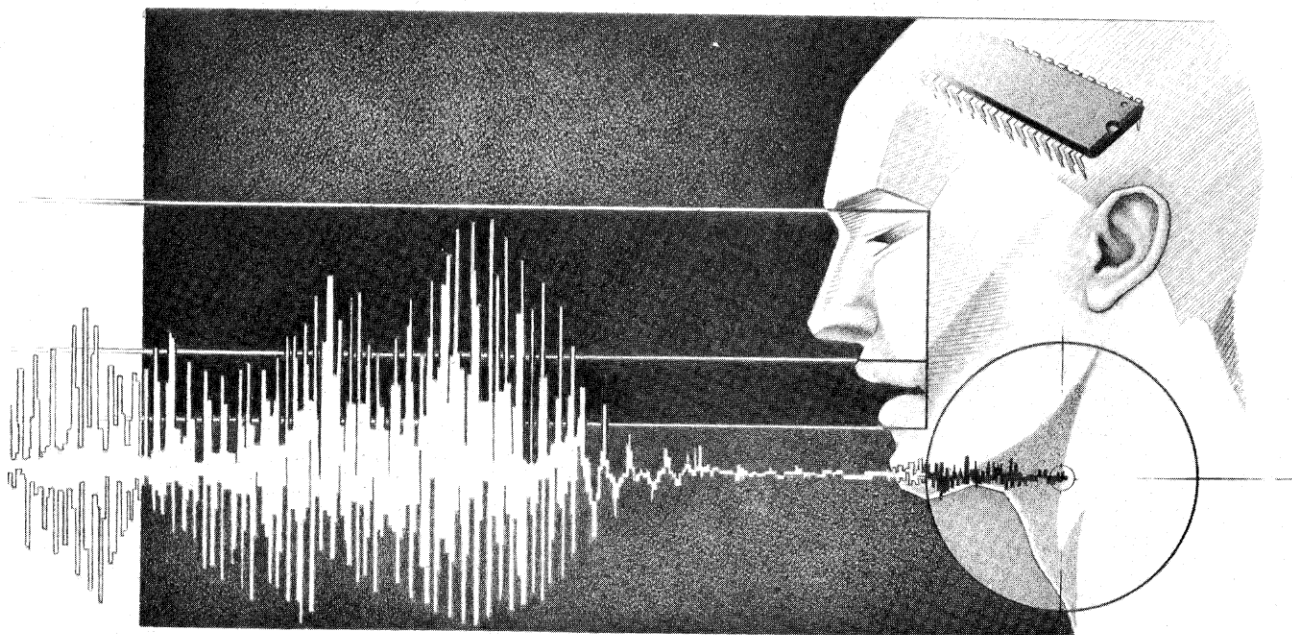
The paper-out detector prevents the printer from printing once it runs out of paper. It also sends a printer-busy signal to the CPU so data is not lost.

The off-line capability is also important as it allows the operator to halt printing to check the alignment or progress without losing any data. A printer-busy signal is sent back to the CPU in this instance also.

The ability to expand the buffer to 3,300 characters works in conjunction with the off-line indicator to some degree. The off-line indicator and the buffer are related since a printer-busy signal is not sent to

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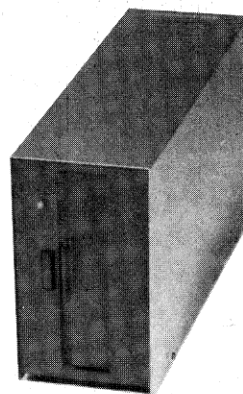
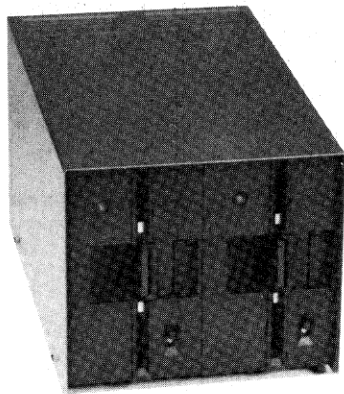
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# 80 ACCOUNTANT

by Michael Tannenbaum C.P.A.

*"Most were surprised when I advocated purchase of a hard disk storage unit."*

**D**uring the past month, I have received several calls from would-be computer owners. Each caller wanted to install an integrated, computerized accounting system and requested guidance on a minimum equipment configuration. Most were surprised when I advocated purchase of a computer with a hard disk storage unit.

While it is feasible to install a fully integrated accounting system (Accounts Receivable, Payable, General Ledger and Payroll) on a Model I or similar personal computer, the accounting system is often difficult to use. The large number of files seriously restricts transaction and account data capacity. This usually requires splitting the data onto multiple disks, resulting in disk swapping to accommodate editing and data transfer requirements.

Until recently the Model II with its eight-inch disks was the best equipment choice if a firm desired an integrated system. However, even with the storage available for this computer, complex software such as the three-disk Tandy accounting system still requires disk swapping. Because floppy disks are fragile, disk swapping is not the most desirable alternative when implementing an accounting system.

## Hard Disk Systems

The new hard disk systems offer a storage alternative to the computer owner seeking to install an integrated accounting system. Unfortunately, hard disks are still quite expensive, typically costing more than the central processing unit itself. Most units offered are of the sealed Winchester type with either a 5- or 10-megabyte capacity. Compare this to floppies, which can contain only a fraction of a megabyte on each disk.

The increased storage capacity of the Winchester disk is made possible by carefully controlling the disk environment and rotating the platter at an extremely high speed. The high speed of the disk forms an air cushion between the read/write head and the disk surface. Since the head never contacts the disk during data storage and retrieval its surface should last for an extremely long time. When you turn a Winchester disk off, the read/write head is moved to a safe landing area where it can contact the disk surface without en-

dangering data. The disk suffers a head crash when the head contacts the disk surface in a data storage area. Head crashes usually cause loss of all data stored on the disk.

In properly installed floppy disk systems, the prime provision for dealing with disk failure is to back up programs and data files at regular intervals. Then when the sad event occurs, only the work most recently performed is lost.

*"Head crashes usually cause loss of all data stored on the disk."*

In hard disk systems, similar back-up techniques are much more difficult to accomplish. Some hard disk systems contain a removable disk cartridge element. Unfortunately cartridges are quite expensive and somewhat fragile. Another method is to use a special removable data tape cartridge similar to a cassette. When you desire a back-up, you dump data onto the tape cartridge. Although tape cartridges are much cheaper than disk cartridges, they are considerably slower and therefore require more time when backing up data.

Tandy has not elected to provide any mechanical method of backing up hard disk data. The hard disk version of TRSDOS provides two new commands, Save and Restore, for file back-up purposes. These commands save selected files on the Model II's floppy disk when you have completed processing and restore them to the hard disk in case of need. When saving data, you can specify files either with a unique file name or with a wild card identification. Wild card specifications allow you to select a broad range of files with a single command. For example, the specification SAVE 4 to 0 (\* /DAT) dumps all files with a /DAT extension on drive 0.

You need not format a data disk to save and restore files. TRSDOS automatically

formats and numbers floppy disks used in this process. If the files to be saved span more than one disk, another disk is called for and labeled (internally). If you use these disks for file restoration purposes TRSDOS checks the internal labels.

While a total back-up is not possible, the Save and Restore feature should be workable in practice. One method to protect essential data might be to include Save and Restore commands in software developed to work in the hard disk environment. At the end of processing, control would be transferred to a file which would direct saving essential files. Then, if a problem occurred, the data would be available for restoration. The commands necessary for this purpose would also be provided and activated when the problem was detected.

Unfortunately, software specifically designed for the Tandy hard disk has not yet been made available. You can adapt floppy disk systems for use on the hard disk but there are problems in implementation in addition to the lack of back-up procedures. Some problems, such as specific designations of disk drives, can be overcome by TRSDOS with the Floppy Off command; however, others are more troublesome. I found several examples of these problems when I was evaluating the Tandy three-disk Accounts Payable System #26-4605.

## The Accounts Payable System

The three-disk Accounts Payable system is part of the Cobol integrated accounting system. Other elements include the General Ledger #26-4601 (evaluated in October 1981), Accounts Receivable #26-4604 (evaluated in July 1981) and Order Entry-Sales Analysis #26-4607 and #26-4608 (evaluated last month). In combination these three systems provide almost complete accounting automation for a trading-type enterprise.

Conversion of these systems from their floppy disk form to the hard disk is not difficult, and the resulting data processing package is enormous. There are more than 220 programs and 48 data files.

All sub-systems use a common company file. This file contains constant data such as the company name and address

# DUNZHIN

by Randall Don Masteller

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used to head reports, invoices and statements. Each sub-system also uses a common account file to specify accounts acceptable for data entry when processing. Unfortunately, the account file used for the general ledger is different from the account file used for receivables and payables. As a result you can create an account in a sub-system that is not a general ledger account. The system will detect this discrepancy when you update the general ledger, but in a system as sophisticated as this one, this type of problem should not occur.

If this system had been packaged for the hard disk unit, an account assignment problem would have never occurred. The account file used for all applications would have been the general ledger file and no mismatches would have been possible. Because the system was packaged for a floppy environment, it was probably impossible to have the general ledger account file resident while receivable and payable processing was in process. A special account file to verify account assignment was an accommodation to the limited storage available.

The use of an account file is not a problem for implementing accounts receivable and order processing. Even with a relatively large number of products the number of accounts affected by the receivable application is small. Accounts payable is another story. This application is the front end of the general ledger. You must place any account that could be affected by a cash payment in the valid account file. You may have to enter the majority of general ledger accounts in this file. With a complicated chart of accounts, this will be a time-consuming and potentially error-prone procedure. I am sure this task will be eliminated on the first true hard disk version of the Cobol accounting system.

If this system is implemented before the hard disk version is available, it is desirable to create the valid accounts file from a printout of the general ledger chart of accounts. As you might expect, correction of a mismatch detected during the general ledger update process is inconvenient and time consuming. You cannot correct the improperly coded transaction until you add an account with that coding to the chart of accounts. If posting then continues and the new account causes report preparation problems, the offending transaction will cause further inconvenience. You must then make an adjusting journal entry to transfer the amount to the proper account and delete the temporary account.

In last month's discussion of the order entry system, I covered the use of an on-

hand inventory in some detail. You had to enter inventory purchases into the order entry system with a file maintenance program. In a fully integrated accounting system, the accounts payable sub-system should supply inventory purchase data. This element of integration is unavailable in the Cobol system as currently supplied. In the future, or in a custom program, this level of integration could be added. Such a module would be called a "purchase order management system" and would use as input purchase advice data generated by the order entry system and receipts generated by the accounts payable system.

The Accounts Payable system uses installation procedures similar to the other sub-systems previously evaluated. As was the case in receivables, an alphanumeric vendor code is allowed. The balance of the data to be entered is not complicated. There is a provision for up to three address lines, type code, normal vendor terms, last purchase date and a purchase history. The operator can specify with a status code if the discount is always to be taken regardless of invoice dates or if the system is to hold all payments. If you select the option to hold payments, no checks payable to that vendor will be allowed. You will have to make payments manually. With an additional code, you could use the system to accumulate non-purchase data. While the purpose of this option is not explained, it appears you could use it for statistical purposes.

The system maintains purchase statistics on a comparative basis. This data could be very useful in defining vendor relationships. At the end of the year, a closeout procedure clears out the current year's data and transfers the totals accumulated to the prior year. Since both purchases and discounts taken are maintained, reports of these totals should be very valuable.

In operation, you enter data into this system by use of vouchers. The system allows entry of four types of vouchers: regular vouchers, cancellation vouchers, non-A/P check vouchers and adjustments to previously recorded distribution vouchers. When you select the add voucher option, a screen which allows entry of part of the voucher detail is displayed. This data corresponds to the upper portion of a handwritten voucher and indicates the system-assigned voucher number, transaction type (detailed above) vendor code and name, distribution date, purchase order number and vendor's invoice totals. Once this information is recorded, distribution of the invoice amount is required. There appears to be no limit to the number of distributions available; however, only the last two (the

current entry and a running total of the balance yet undistributed) are displayed.

In some organizations complex invoice distributions are required. Retailers, for example, may make bulk purchases of supplies and ship the material to many stores. It is not unusual in such a firm to require 20, 30 or more distributions of an invoice amount. This payable system would be useful in such an environment; if the system capacity (1500 vendors, 800 open items, and 5000 general ledger distributions) is adequate, it should be considered suitable for installation.

You enter vouchers into a buffer. There you can alter them with comparative ease. However, once they are posted to the Accounts Payable file, editing becomes more complicated. Since an error such as an improper account coding could be difficult to correct after posting, the system provides a method of adjusting the distribution of posted vouchers. This is typical of the options available for transaction handling and help to make this system quite user-friendly.

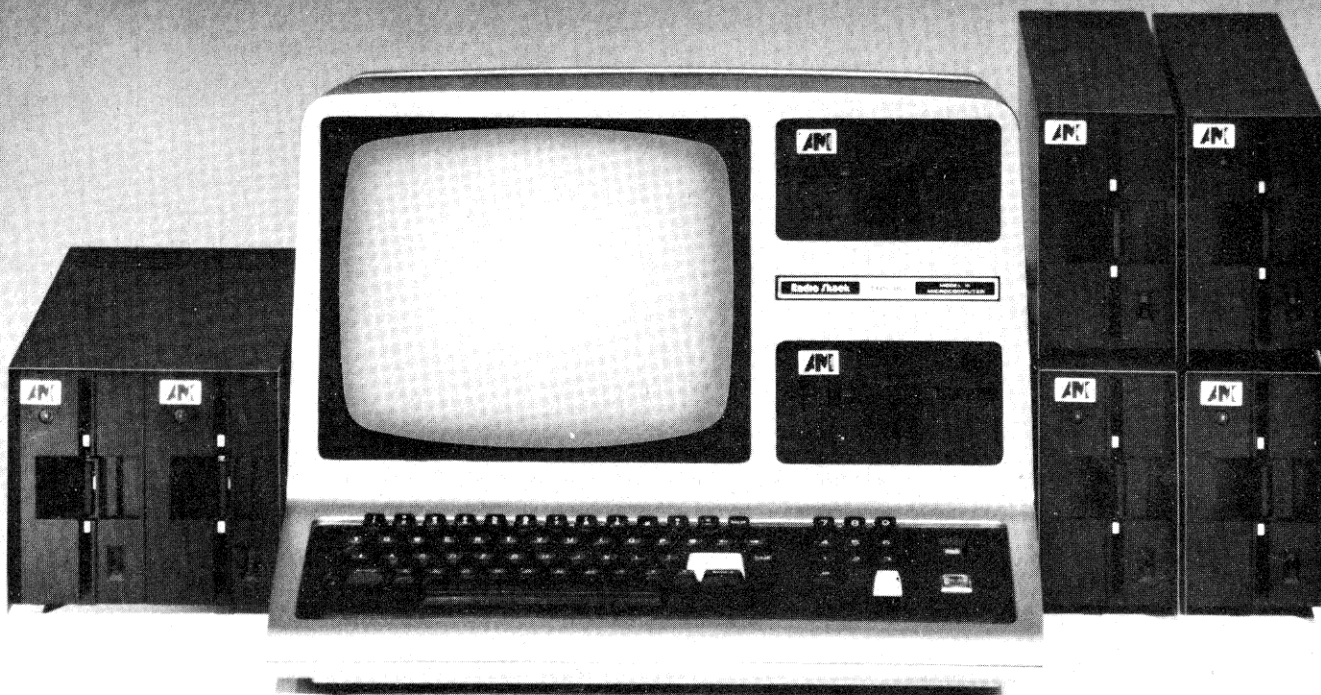
After you enter transactions, edit reports are available. They are similar to the other systems in content and format. A description of any codes which you might use in the detail line of the report are clearly spelled out in the body of the report.

This is a thoughtful touch which casual users of the system's reports will appreciate. If you make an incorrect or unacceptable response to a prompt, the system prints a short banner message indicating options available and their meaning. If you attempt to leave a screen without completing some essential piece of information, the system inhibits exit until you enter the missing data. Once you have mastered all the system conventions, it is quite easy to use.

One of the main reasons for installing an automated accounts payable system is to take advantage of vendor credit. With the high interest rates, this form of credit may be the best way for a firm to grow. This system contains reports which allow optimum use of this means of financing. You can generate cash requirements and lost discount reports which would be quite difficult to prepare with a manual system. Proper use of these reports could generate enough income to pay for the complete computer system over and over again.

Most firms, however, automate accounts payable because check preparation has become burdensome. Check preparation is rarely spread equally over a month. Preparation of checks is usually jammed into just a few days. This makes the task tedious and noticeable in most

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artist. A musician can write music using anything from a pen, to a tape recorder, to a computer. And there's the rub; as soon as you mention a computer, people get fidgety and start wondering how much the computer had to do with it. Does storywriting lose any of its artistic value because it was written using a word processor? Does a delicate pattern lose any of its visual appeal because it was created on a video screen?

"I think most people would agree that the answer to both these questions is no. But how about when a whole story is apparently written by a computer? Well of course it wasn't written by a computer: It was written by a program which ran on a computer. The author took one extra step and created a program as an invisible part of the creative writing process. The more work that is put into the program, the less work that may be needed. This is where computers bring a whole new dimension to the artistic world and in my opinion may change the fabric of many art forms.

"The computer-generated novel is in reality written using certain aesthetic parameters that were placed in the program (whether consciously or not) by the human author. That author still has to decide whether or not the end result has anything approaching quality. All he has done is left the process of composition until after the composition was performed.

"Another exciting thing that computers do is allow much faster experimentation with a central idea. This idea has already been used in the field of computer music. Imagine the effort involved in taking a Beatles song and rewriting it in a baroque style, or calypso, or jazz. With each effort the composer (or recomposer) may be risking hours of work possibly to be rewarded with disappointment.

"A computer can easily manipulate the data (in this case the musical score) and allow many separate attempts at recreation. Using systems like the New England Digital musical synthesis system (the Synclavier), it becomes possible to change the instruments while a piece is actually being played. With this system, instead of the interface to the computer being through a typewriter-style keyboard, the input is mostly through a piano-style keyboard. This has the psychological effect of removing the computer from the creativity loop, placing into the background the uncertainty of "who's doing what—human or computer?"

"This versatility is not without its price. The possibilities opened up by having a computer handle the donkey work can be almost endless. Unfortunately, many artistic people have a difficult enough time knowing when to stop without having thrust upon them the temptation of improving the result by yet another try.

"Another useful function that can be performed by a computer is in providing random elements to the creative thought processes of the artist. Many times artists fall victim to their own previous output and fail to come up with new ideas simply because they are in a rut. Computers are great at doing things in too literal a manner, thereby producing results totally unpredicted by the artist-programmer. This phenomenon can be exploited in all sorts of ways to initiate a synthetic brainstorming session between human and computer.

"So now we finish up almost on speaking terms with the computer. Nothing to be afraid of was there? The computer plays its part in the creative process but takes no more from the artist than the artist puts in, exactly the same as with our numerical artist friends—the mathematicians; where would they be without the computer? Few people think of mathematicians as artists, so nobody ever questions the role of the computer and whether or not it compromises the aesthetic qualities of the mathematical concepts or results that have evolved in the last 20 years. The mathematical art is probably more refined as a result of computers than it ever was.

"As micros become more of a way of life for everyone, I feel we are about to embark on an exciting new creative period. No doubt there will be a vogue for a while of art for computing's sake, but when that passes we will have a generation of artists that can place the computer in the creative process to any extreme they desire and produce "art." That period can be now if you want it."

There will always be those who prefer the classics to the avant-garde. After all, how can a Botticelli be compared with a screen-printed painting by Andy Warhol; and yet they are both immensely popular. Although you may not prefer computer-composed art, it is still necessary to acknowledge it, if only for the reason that it exists. It is a creative endeavor between man and machine that is certain to evolve in the future.

Janet Fiderio  
Feature Editor

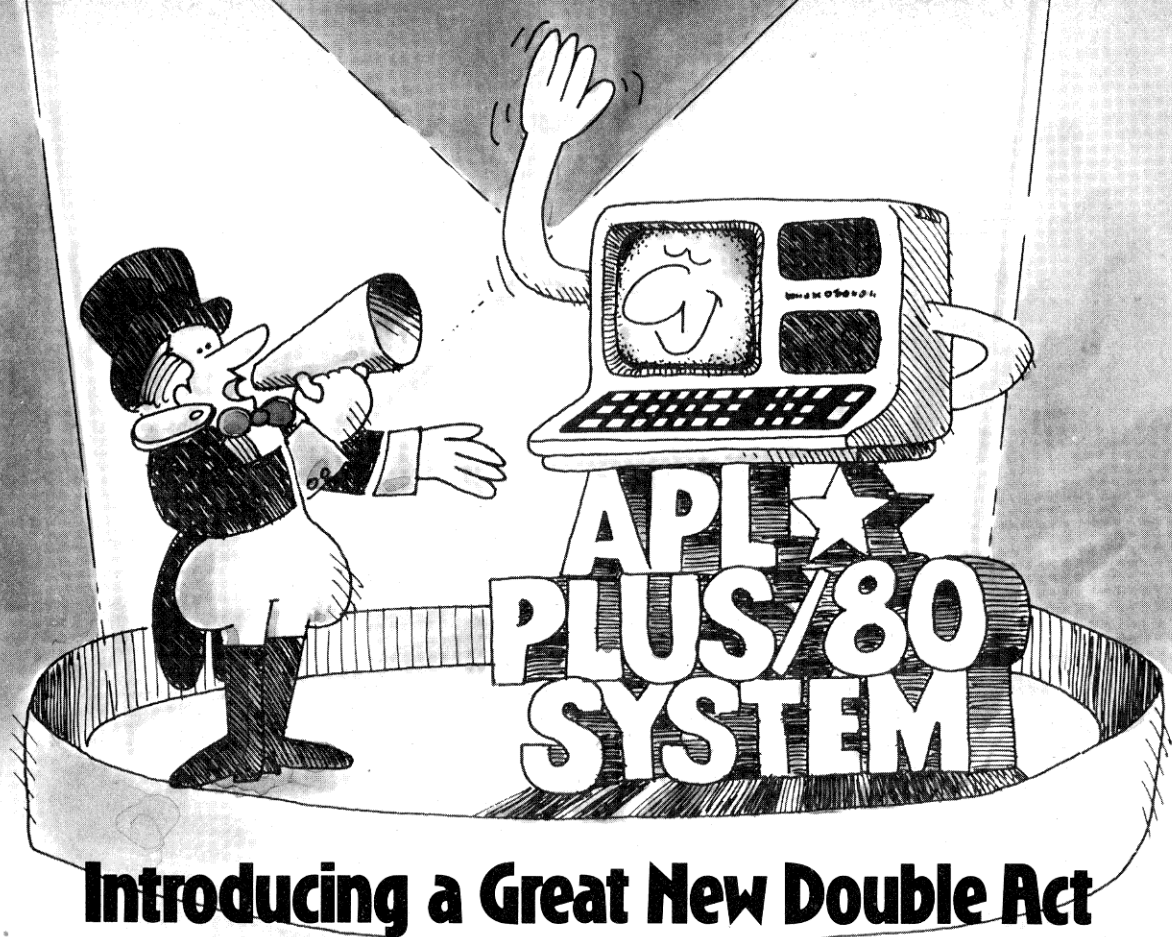
any size firm. Check preparation with this system is relatively easy. You can select vouchers to be paid by several criteria. Once you have determined the criteria, the system will go through the files and select those vouchers which meet your requirements. You can review the vouchers selected and make decisions to pay on a voucher-by-voucher basis. The system allows partial payment of a voucher.

After the selection process has been completed, you can prepare a pre-check writing report. If this report indicates that all is well, you can write checks. The system uses preprinted check forms described in the documentation. You can obtain the forms from a vendor recommended by Tandy or the firm's normal forms supplier. If you select Tandy's vendor, they provide either a one part or three part form. Since the system does not retain any historical data, you should keep a printout of the actual check and remittance advice. Then should research into a vendor's payment history be required, data will be available. For this reason, I suggest use of the multi-part form.

The remittance advice portion of the check form has room for up to 16 vouchers. If this number is exceeded, the system voids the check portion of the form and continues printing the voucher detail on the next form. Only one check is allowed for each vendor. If the amount selected for payment, net of credits is negative, a check will not be printed. The system allows printing zero balance checks. This allows the user to send advice to the vendor detailing how credits were applied to open invoices.

Because printers could fail or in some way destroy the checks printed, an option is available to restart the printing process. If you must void all the checks as a result of printer failure, you can accomplish this with a single command. After a successful batch of checks has been prepared, the system creates a check register.

The Accounts Payable system, like the other systems evaluated, is a good system. It contains those procedures and reports that should be in a computerized accounting system. While successful in a floppy disk environment, it will operate very slowly. If speed is not important and the client has a well organized and patient computer operator, you need not hesitate to install it. Unfortunately, these conditions rarely apply in practice. As a result I do not believe that the floppy system will be the future of small business computing. With the hard disk, the combination of the Model II (or 16) and the Cobol accounting system could very well be the accounting machine replacement system of the future. ■



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Using APL:

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▽ BARGRAPH;I;N
[1] 'ENTER UP TO 13 HEIGHTS (FROM 0 TO 48 EACH):'
[2] I←ρN←,□◇ □TCFF ρ INPUT, CLEAR. PLOT, LOOP:
[3] LP:(1N[I])○.□SPOT(10×I-1)+15 ◇ →(0<I-1)ρLP
▽

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This APL program with this numeric input

32 6 41 25 48 2 19 0 36 48 45 12 9

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# SOFT BITS

## a basic/assembly column

by Roger Fuller

I began my first column (December 1981) with the sentence "This column is dedicated to those who have read the books and still cannot write assembly or machine code programs." I repeat it here because some readers may have drawn a false conclusion. I am not trying to teach Assembly or machine language in lieu of those books but in addition to them.

Lance Micklus has suggested using the concept of parallel reading when you want to learn something new. I choose topics which I feel are not well represented in the writings available on Assembly and machine coding. Therefore I will not waste valuable space on the usual discussion of op-codes.

How should you study Assembly and machine language programming? Lance's suggestion of reading more than one source is excellent. Since we each have our own peculiar ways of learning, one author's treatment of a topic may be just right where another's may leave you even more confused.

A good study is a close study. You cannot expect to learn as quickly as you read words. When I was young I became interested in electronics. To learn about it I checked out all the books on the subject the small town library had. After reading them once, I reread them word by word, sentence by sentence, and diagram by diagram until I felt I understood what was written.

To learn Assembly language that way, simply take your resource library and use it to decipher the sample programs in *80 Micro*. This slow process pays off in a thorough understanding. The example programs I have given all work in or with Basic. This allows you to use, modify and play with the code. Modifying code is the next step toward writing your own programs.

### Old Business

Because I write this column in Texas and send it to New Hampshire, sometimes things get lost. My first column was missing a two-line Basic program that loads the code for the keyboard filter into an unused spot in memory. This short piece of Basic code makes using the filter

program easy (see the Program Listing).

In January's column there was a mistake in Fig. 2. The arrow was pointing the wrong way and the caption for the arrow had the DE and HL registers reversed.

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February's column was missing an explanation of that month's program. This program will not require you to set memory size if you do not list Basic lines longer than 150 characters (about 2½ video lines). This is because the machine code is placed in the input buffer. You can relocate the code by changing the POKE statement in line 65528. It will work on Models I and III with or without an operating system.

This program patches the Input statement so that it will not allow input past 150 characters and will 'lock-out' the clear and down arrow keys to preserve your screen format. Many INKEY\$ input routines are available but all suffer from excessive string space use and slow response time. To use it, simply execute once; subsequent uses of the input statement will be patched. You can add more code to check for numeric input, display an underline for the input length, strip leading or trailing spaces, or whatever.

I would like to congratulate Robert Kirk of Kansas for being first to spot the erroneous LD DE,HL instruction in Fig. 1 in the February column. My explanation in the paragraph above that figure made it clear that such an instruction cannot be true. Robert has given me some constructive criticisms on my column. Please send your comments or suggestions to me, Roger Fuller, 630 E. Springdale, Grand Prairie, TX 75051.

### New Business

This month I would like to discuss good old Basic. Remember that Basic is a Z80 program. I emphasize the importance of thinking in terms of memory when you are programming. The following discussion of some of Basic's quirks should re-establish it in the ranks of Assembly language programs.

Try typing this line into the computer.

```
0 PRINT "80";:GOTO
```

It runs! But why? Basic evaluates the line number directly after the GOTO. The evaluation ends at the first character that is not a space, a numerical digit, or a line feed. Because there is no line number (or a line number of zero), the loop executes.

Now type the following program and run it.

```
0 PRINT 1 2 3 4 5 6
1 PRINT 1
  2
  3
  4
  5
  6
2 PRINT 1234567
3 PRINT 123435678
```

Lines 1 and 2 return the number 123456. The Basic code which scans the program text is RST 10H. Since it evaluates a numeric expression, it ignores spaces and line feeds. The number 1234567 in line 2 was evaluated as a single precision number, but in single precision only six digits can be printed; hence, the conversion to exponential notation. The number in line 3 exceeds single precision, so it was converted to be evaluated as double precision.

Spaces are critical in converting Basic reserved words to tokens for either storage or execution. TAB (10) is an array variable while TAB(10) is a Tab statement. But try to type the reserved word GOTO with spaces between the letters. Do the spaces stay there if the word is stored in a program line? Try typing and entering three spaces and an apostrophe in the command mode.

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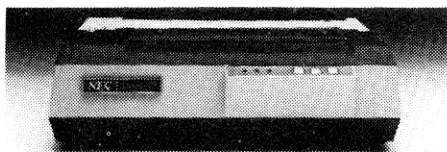
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study. Try these lines.

```
0 INPUT
1 INPUT
2 INPUT L$
3 PRINT L$
```

Now run it. Press Enter for the first statement and enter a zero for the second. You have always been told that you cannot enter a quotation mark except as a delimiter during an Input statement. On the third statement enter a letter followed by a quotation mark or marks. Basic allows the quotation mark because it determines if the first character is a quote. If it is not, Basic accepts all characters until it finds a delimiter. This delimiter must be a comma, a colon, or end-of-line marker.

MEM and FRE are very close cousins. (MEM is free memory, and FRE is unused string space.) Try the following code.

```
00 IF MEM = MEM PRINT "TRUE"
1 PRINT MEM
2 PRINT FRE(1982)
3 PRINT FRE("")
```

Line 0 falls through because stack space holds the value of the first MEM. Lines 1 and 2 produce the same result because Basic uses FRE(0) to produce the result of MEM. Finally, line 3 has a quote as an argument; this makes Basic compute string space instead of memory only.

Radio Shack has warned about using the VAL function on negative numbers. Let me point out some other danger areas.

```
0 PRINT VAL("10%")
1 PRINT VAL("10 E 38 ST.")
2 INPUT N
3 PRINT N
```

Note the errors caused by the percent sign and by special notation. E indicates exponentiation in single precision; D indicates it in double precision. Enter either E or D for line 2. They are considered as numbers, not strings!

The next program is a favorite of mine.

```
0 GOSUB 3 TEXAS OR BUST
1 GOSUB 3 REM EMBER THE ALAMO
2 GOSUB 3 REM : BUSTED
3 RETURN
```

Strangely, Basic accepts line 0 but produces a syntax error on line 2.

A few more:

```
0 PRINT = 0: PRINT PRINT = -1
1 FOR X# = 1 TO 10: NEXT
2 FOR X(1) = 1 TO 10: NEXT
3 IF "A">"A" PRINT "TRUE" ELSE PRINT "FALSE"
```

The first line is an assignment statement followed by a printing of the value (-1 if true or 0 if false) of an expression. The next two lines are not allowed in Basic, since only integer and single precision simple variables are allowed in a For...Next loop. The last line will work right if the first Print statement is not immediately after the inequality.

Normally only 240 characters including the line number can be entered for a line of Basic code. This increases to 255, not counting the line number, when you edit the line. The shortest line allowed by Basic contains only an end-of-line marker, the zero byte. The longest line is limited only by your memory. I have occasionally for security reasons used lines longer than can be listed. This keeps sensitive code out of the hands of ordinary people.

*"this keeps sensitive code out of the hands of ordinary people."*

The largest line number you can enter by normal means is 65529. It is possible to have a line number 65530 and still be able to list it. Type and run the following one-line:

```
250 POKE PEEK(16548) + PEEK(16549) * 256 + 3, 255
```

Now try to edit the line. Basic cannot convert the line number 65530 since it is above the 65529 limit. You can edit the line by listing it and then using the edit period ability of Basic. You might try increasing the line number size from 250 to 251, then 252, and so on until you construct a 65535 line number. Even stranger things happen there! ■

```
65528 FOR M=1 TO 32*4 STEP 4 : POKE 16477 + M/4, VAL(MID$(" 042 0
22 064 237 075 109 064 237 067 022 064 034 109 064 201 205 108 0
64 254 032 208 254 013 200 254 008 200 254 001 200 175 201", M, 4)
) : NEXT
65529 IF PEEK(16396) = 195 THEN DEFUSR1 = &H405D: M = USR1(0) : R
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```

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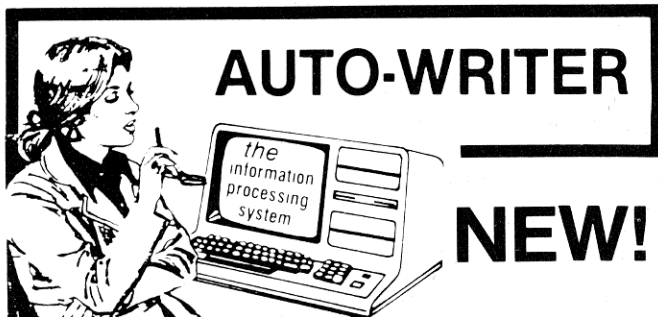
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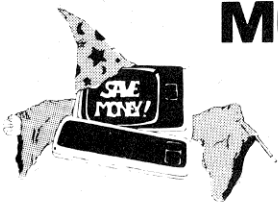
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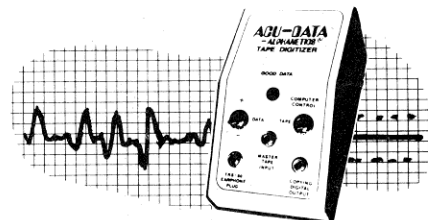
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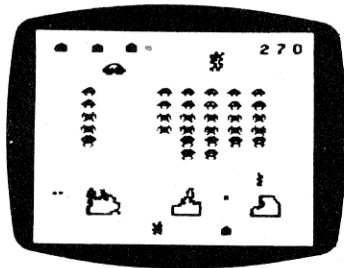
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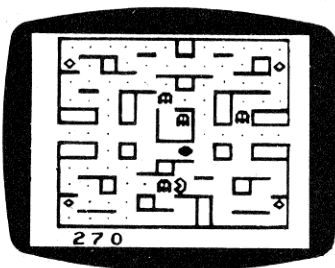
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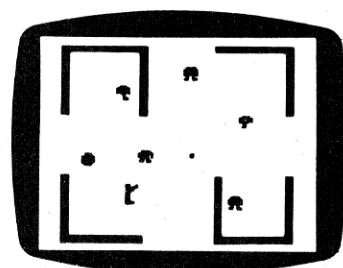
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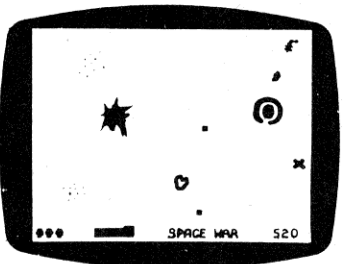
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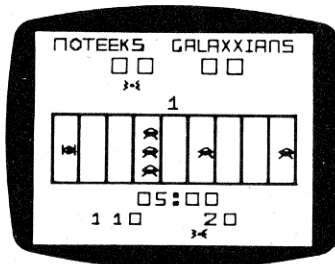
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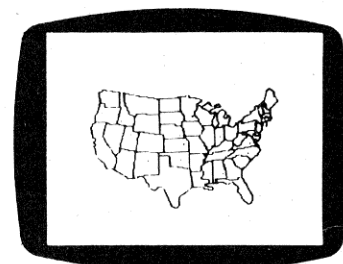
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# COMMANDER 80

by Jake Commander

*"I'd like to start  
by saying goodbye!"*

This is the first of a series of columns I'll be doing every month for *80 Microcomputing*, covering topics ranging all the way from software and hardware to my general opinions on whatever takes my fancy. This is an opportunity I've waited for—to be able to sound off and air some of my views.

I may take the opportunity to look at pieces of TRS-80 hardware or software, and pass along any tips I pick up as I go. As a technical consultant to Wayne Green Inc., I'm in a fairly unique position to acquire TRS-80 inside knowledge, so now I can share some of my acquisitions. I'll also bring behind-the-scenes magazine people and information into focus (although I may be strapped for words to describe scenes such as the spectacle of a whirling dervish named Dennis Kitsz as he whizzes through the office causing pieces of hardware to cower in corners).

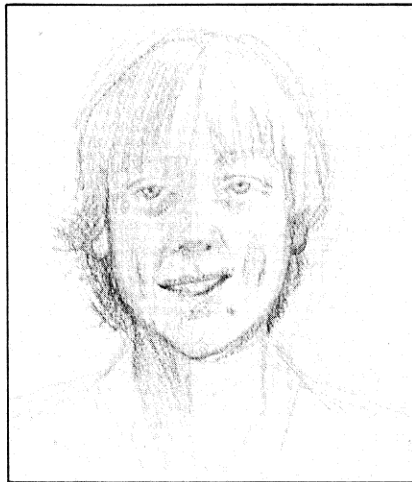
In short, this column will be a regular pot-pourri of TRS-80 facts, ideas and opinions. If anyone has any helpful pieces of information, I'll be glad to pass them on as space permits. If I see any new pieces of software that impress me, I'll pass along those impressions too, but I intend to keep the whole column on a much less formal basis than our review section.

## Hello and Goodbye

I'd like to start by saying goodbye: Goodbye. I'm saying it not to you, but to Debbie Marshall, our Managing Editor for nearly a year now. She started as a sweet, demure copy editor who wouldn't say boo to a goose. After just twelve months on the job she had forged her way to the top, leaving the male chauvinist-dominated staff scratching their heads in astonishment. She'd said boo to all of us and subsequently demonstrated she had more than her fair share of ability in taking the helm of *80 Micro*. She's done a professional job and we're all going to miss her.

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## New Games

OK, just to get the ball rolling, I'll take a look at two pieces of software recently sent to me from Adventure International. Both are graphic-oriented games and should keep the TRS-80 arcade fanatics happy for hours on end.

*Armored Patrol* is my favorite of the two. In this game you're sitting inside an armored T-36 tank peering forwards from the narrow window. Enemy tanks and killer robots skulk around waiting for you to stumble across them. You move your tank by using two keys on each side of the keyboard, one for forward movement of that side's caterpillar track, the other for reverse. The tank can be rotated on a dime by placing one track in forward mode and the other side in reverse.

While you're doing this, you'd better be watching for those enemy tanks. They shoot with deadly accuracy and many a time I've been caught on the hop as a missile comes flying towards me with a screen-shattering crunch. Pointers on the screen help by hinting as to the turn you should make to find the nearest baddie. As often as not, though, the ratfinks shoot before you can see them and all you have to show for your effort is a smashed screen and one less tank.

As if that weren't enough, sometimes the cowards go full pelt and slink behind houses that are dotted all across the terrain. It's then up to you to maneuver behind the obstacle and blast the enemy with your high energy plasma missile before he gets you. Great fun.

The other game is good fun too, but it's not my favorite because I have a penchant for point-of-view type games where you sit in a simulated hot seat.

*Eliminator* gives you a split-screen side view of a scene containing gantries supporting energizers. These energizers must be worth having, because marauding alien hordes want them. The dastardly aliens actually help themselves, too, and lift off your valuable energizers without paying a bean. It's one of the worst forms of galactic felony I know, so naturally enough the job of their protection falls to the poor sucker at the keyboard.

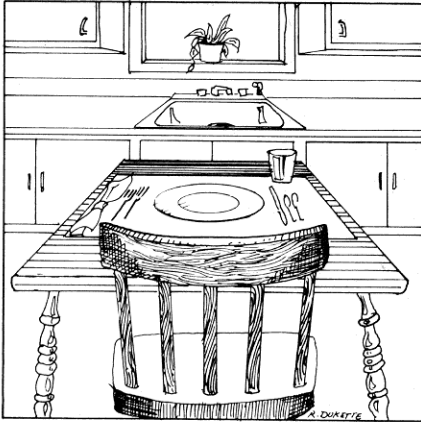
As soon as you kick your ship into action you regret it; the world goes screaming by, full of space-meanies out to get the better of you. You can dodge, fire missiles and change speed all in an attempt to save your energizers. I want to know where they take them to; presumably there's a black market for these things and right now there must be a glut. I've lost so many of the darned things that they just can't be fetching much.

Both games are written in machine code and include sound. This is state-of-the-art stuff and they have taken their place in my game library. What a difference I see in the sophistication of games in my library since a mere two years ago! I can't wait to see what develops in the next two years. ■

# News From KITCHEN TABLE SOFTWARE, INC.

by David Busch

*"Accompanying the manual was 130 pages of errata covering virtually the entire manual."*



I mistook the disarray of loose parts inside my latest shipment from Kitchen Table Inc. to be the work of the delivery service until I read the packing slip. I was the lucky recipient of the first TLS-8E Home Assembly Construction Kit (HACKIT).

Kitchen Table had selected me to field test the new kit, no doubt due to my glowing reviews of their fictitious computer hardware, software, firmware and limpware.

What's unusual about HACKIT is even the novice kit-builder can construct a working TLS-8E Model I or, as the disclaimer on the box notes, one that works as well as any other TLS-8E Model I.

Kitchen Table is familiar with my hardware qualifications. It reasoned if I could build the kit, it could be safely marketed to the public and to children in grades K through six as a science fair project.

A summary of my electronics expertise: I once wired a receptacle that, every time a three-pronged plug was inserted, turned on all the lights in my home. Until recently, I thought a thermistor was something you keep cigars in.

The KTI kit can be built with ordinary household tools—screwdrivers, 25-watt soldering iron (or propane torch), 30 MHz dual trace oscilloscope.

Other useful gadgets to have on hand during assembly include a signal tracer, audio oscillator, digital multimeter, 30 MHz frequency counter, RF oscillator with 320 KHz to 220 MHz range, graphic equal-

izer and SWR meter. I don't have any of these, but KTI provides instructions for re-wiring your home tv, electric can opener or stereo set to provide many of the same functions.

Many of the more exotic devices can be ordered from KTI completely assembled or in their own HACKITs.

I decided to ignore the tests and calibrations I couldn't perform with the equipment I had at hand. After all, how much could a microfarad here or there matter in a sophisticated computer system?

The assembly manual provided by KTI is a well-written, 137-page volume with illustrations and step-by-step instructions. Accompanying the manual was 130 pages of errata covering virtually the entire manual. Give KTI an A-plus for thoroughness.

The first step in assembly is to find a clean or dry place. Some of the kit's complementary metal oxide semiconductor integrated circuits are very touchy. Kitchen Table recommends wearing copper bracelets on your wrists, ankles and waist. The bracelets should have a one megohm resistor wired to them and cables of no. 8 wire extending to the nearest drainpipe. A two-inch thick rubber mat is provided to place under your chair.

Carpeting is forbidden near the construction site. All long-haired cats, silk handkerchiefs, glass rods and rubber balls should be cleared from the area. To avoid static build-up from clothing, you should do as much work as possible in the nude, but be very careful while soldering.

An alternative to all this would be to use normal precautions with the exception of lowering the room lights. As you pick up the integrated circuits, notice if a tiny blue spark flies from your hand to the part. If so, and you hear a crackling sound and smell ozone afterward, expect trouble during the testing stage.

Kitchen Table is to be commended for its innovative approach to kit-building. There are almost no printed circuit boards in this kit! Instead, much assembly is done on perfboard with clips fitting snugly in the holes. A tube of Superglue is supplied to ensure tight, permanent connections.

A spool of no. 10 wire is also provided. I'm told this extra-thick wire makes it easier for the electricity to flow from one portion of the circuit to the other, and eliminates many hardware errors. Less advanced computer designers, such as those building the CRAY-1, have resorted to clumsy methods such as supercooling components to improve conductivity. These klugey methods pale in comparison to KTI's elegant "thick wire" solution. Bravo, KTI!

Assembly of the computer is divided into 123 major components, 1024 sub-components and 32,767 steps. Heat-sealed plastic bags contain the components needed for each step. Thirty-two thousand seven hundred sixty-seven bags are a lot. Fortunately, they're all numbered. Unfortunately, in Sri Lankan.

To protect their patent (pending) on the TLS-8E Model I, it was necessary to disguise components. All ICs, resistors, capacitors and diodes had their identifying numbers scratched off. And because of the bagging scheme, there were no colored bands on the parts. This made it difficult to determine which way to insert the resistors into the boards. Does anyone know an easy way to determine the polarity of a resistor?

Without identifiers, it is also difficult to replace parts affected with infant mortality. This condition arises when parts are released from the factory in a premature condition. They may look healthy, but once powered up, they fail to take that all-important first breath and expire in a puff of smoke.

I had to phone KTI for replacement of three dead ICs. Two were typical infant mortality cases; the third was swatted by my wife, who thought it was a bionic spider.

Delivery of the components took nearly three weeks, despite the fact I live only 13 miles from KTI headquarters. Better quality control and more careful assembly are needed here, although three imperfect components out of 65,535 is commendable.

Assembly of the kit took 23 weekends, most of my vacation and the better part of my accumulated sick leave. Some delays



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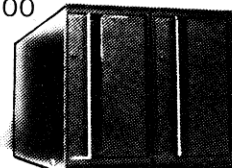
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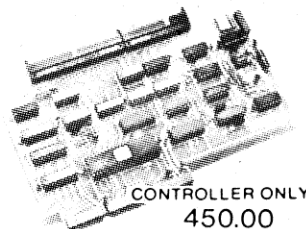
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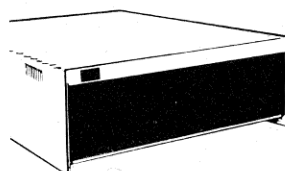
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were caused by my errors. While there are only two printed circuit boards in the kit, I soldered most of the components on the wrong side on my first attempt. That "flash" I trimmed off the IC sockets turned out to be contacts. I brought a few other minor problems under control with a fire extinguisher.

Major components in the kit include a power supply, video driver board, Z-79A based terminal logic board, Z-79A CPU board, cassette tape interface board, floppy disk controller, RF modulator circuit, printer interface and automatic garage door opener.

This last feature is a standard enhancement. Apparently KTI got a good deal on some electronic equipment it's trying to get rid of.

The construction manual explains what all those components are used for. I strongly recommend you read it. I skipped over that part because it contained boring discussions of memory mapping, direct memory access and a lot of other stuff I don't understand too well.

I built the power supply first because the manual said I had to. It was simple

enough. It involved some filter capacitors, diodes, power transistors and an eight-pound heat sink. The power supply is rated at 1250 watts—large enough to heat an average-sized room in winter. I put it together in eight hours, which includes two hours waiting for the soldering iron to heat up. (I had forgotten to plug it in.)

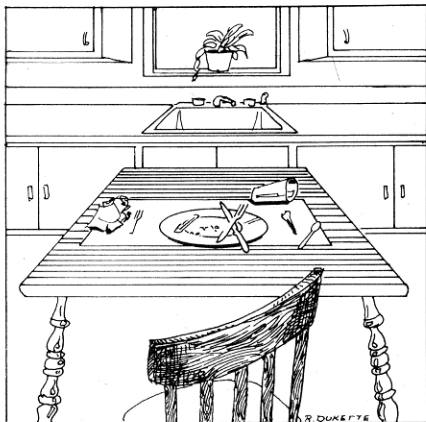
The video driver board came next. Assembly was much quicker, mostly because I stopped being fussy about placement of the parts. Attention! The "theory" part of the instructions contains a lot of complicated terminology about horizontal deflection and vertical sync. Pay attention. You may be able to apply this knowledge to fixing your color tv some day.

The terminal logic board is a snap. It comes prewired from the factory. Kitchen Table got some Heath Z-89 boards on closeout, discarded the primitive Z-80 chip and substituted the Z-79A in its place.

The CPU logic board was another matter. Next to the automatic garage door opener, it was the most difficult component in the HACKIT to assemble. I built the 32K model and had 16 memory chips to insert. It took me nearly three weeks to

decide which chips to insert in which memory sockets.

Oddly enough, when I finished assembling the kit and plugged it in, it gave off a loud crackling sound and refused to work at all. Fortunately, KTI offers a kit repair option. For \$1450 (or \$50 less than the current price of a TLS-8E Model IV), the company will fix any botched assembly jobs. A bargain, if you ask me. ■



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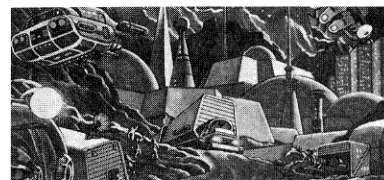


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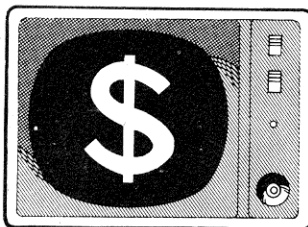
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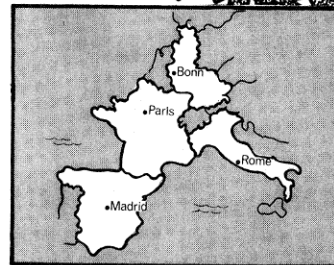


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# Computer Creationists

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I received a call at my recording studio last December from a customer requesting a special sound effect:

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"No problem."

"Since we'll never see the machine, the sound has to be immediately recognizable."

"I am sure we've got something."

"It is the kind that squirts the soda into a little cup, not the kind with the cans."

"We can make that work."

"Oh yeah... the machine is out of cups."

This vending machine sound effect was used in an elaborate training tape for a multinational corporation to help sell word processors. The effect was created from recordings of a pay telephone, a can opener, a washing machine, a fire hose, and a studio synthesizer. And we probably could not have produced it at all without our TRS-80.

There are about a hundred sound and video studios in this country specializing in special effects. A lot of these effects are used in films (not just the "Star Wars" kind; almost every Hollywood film uses sound effects and camera tricks to make actions seem more real).

Most of this manipulation, however, is for broadcast use. Radio, tv and cable need more material than Hollywood could ever turn out alone. The fact is, more people will probably see a particular commercial than will see most entertainment films in a theater or on tv. Production budgets—dollars per finished minute—are usually bigger in commercials than in films. Millions of dollars of a product's sales can be involved.

You have seen commercials with people walking through data networks, bluejeans flying across a city, or pictures of a bicycle coming to life. I've been involved with a number of them, and they do help sell products.

## The Art of Commercials

Dealing with dreams—creativity—becomes a very competitive, high-pressure business. Yesterday's bold new technique is today's obvious trend, and tomorrow's obsolete solution. Most creative production companies stay relatively small—like most microcomputer companies—and to keep ahead, they invest heavily in the latest digital equipment: image squeezers, pitch shifters, microprocessor-controlled cameras, and tape recorders. Many are also using microcomputers, specifically the TRS-80 and the Apple.

Micros are popular for two reasons: They are affordable and they are flexible. Com-

panies in this volatile field do not have to commit more than a few thousand dollars to determine a computer's worth. Basic is such an easy language that production executives can design programs for specific applications quickly.

Creativity is what a production company sells. The soda machine sound effect required an unusual solution to a problem that may never come up again: What real-life effects suggest the sound of "running out of cups?" We have thousands of effects in our library. Without our computer, finding the ones we needed ("Do I look under washing machine or water spraying?") would have taken far too long. There would be too many blind alleys and the creative process would have been slowed considerably.

## People Are Multi-Processors

Psychologists have discovered most people do their creative and logical thinking differently: The brain acts like two separate computers. The left side of your brain specializes in logical functions, number crunching and string manipulation, if you want to think of it that way, while the right side works more like a random generator, constantly coming up with new solutions and seeing how well they match the real world.

Psychologists have also discovered that it is almost impossible to use one half of your brain to its fullest capacity while also trying to use the other half. You cannot write a good short story while trying to debug a program. And despite what the IRS says, it is very difficult to invent a deduction while you are adding up columns on your 1040.

Computers, in a business like mine, free people from worrying about filing systems, production budgets, or script typing. I am selling creativity, and computers let me have more to sell.

## Computers in the Studio

Oddly enough, business applications are usually the last ones to go on line in a production company. Very few studios use canned ledger or billing programs since their business needs are usually so simple. (Besides, clients don't like to think of creativity as being computerized.) The pro-



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duction companies that are using computers for this frequently use a service bureau, with or without an onsite terminal. On the other hand, if some enterprising software house wanted to sell me a TRS-80 studio business or talent payment program, I would probably buy it.

Dedicated computers are used in many studios for specialized applications, particularly signal processing. While general purpose micros like the TRS-80 may be too slow for this purpose, microcomputer chips, including the TRS-80's Z80, are frequently built into equipment.

### Time Control

Perhaps the most important new use for this kind of computing lies in the area of time manipulation. Timing is critical in a commercial: A 30-second television spot can't be as much as a tenth of a second over its allotted time. Playing the film or video faster to save time causes synchronization problems, and makes the actions look like an old-time movie. Playing the sound track faster makes everyone sound like Mickey Mouse.

A dedicated computer called a time compressor has become popular in the last year or so. It allows you to play an audio tape up to twice as fast as it was recorded, and at the same time not affect the frequency range of the voice or the musical key. These devices sample the signal between thirty

and forty thousand times a second and write the digitized value into RAM. At the same time they read out of RAM at a faster rate. Complicated algorithms steer the read and write pointers around so they never run out of memory.

Speeding up a videotape deck to make a tape play faster causes interference to the picture because the television set no longer scans in synchronization with the input signal. This isn't acceptable in a commercial, and a different method is sometimes employed to save time: computer-assisted editing.

Television broadcasts 30 complete pictures a second. Your eye blends these frames together into smooth motion. A few years ago The Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers proposed a standard method to number each of these frames with a distinct code. The method, called "SMPTE code," is similar to the audio code a TRS-80 uses to record programs or data on a cassette recorder. Virtually every television station, major video house, and a number of audio production companies use SMPTE code to keep track of where they are on a reel of tape.

Dedicated micros generate the code, read the code, and act on a tape editor's instructions to go from one scene to another. The programs for these computers are usually carried in PROMs, and the computers themselves can be very elaborate.

The SMPTE computer in my studio uses four 6809 CPU chips talking to each other. Its programming is so sophisticated it doesn't even read code to find out what frame it's on. It guesses, based on how much tape is on the reel, and then reads the code to see how much to adjust its next guess. This allows me to instruct the computer to go from one end of a reel of a tape to the other, find a specific sound effect, transfer it to a master tape in precise synchronization with a television screen, and then wind back to where it started... all while I take a sip of coffee.

Videotape is edited by transferring scenes from one reel of tape to another, rather than by being cut and spliced together the way film is. This process lends itself beautifully to computerization. Using SMPTE-based computers, a television producer can trim the length of each scene, a thirtieth of a second at a time, until a commercial or program is the right length and the action flows smoothly. Almost every serious videotape production is now assembled under computerized control.

### Getting Away from the Real World

Much of the animation, type and special effects you see on television is created by computer. Freeze-frames, animated graphics, and other effects all take place by moving tiny elements of the scene around in an enormously large memory, frequently using the specialized applications of a stock mini-computer.

Character generators, similar to the TRS-80 but with finer resolution, are also used in commercial production. You have probably seen computer-generated type on news or sports programs. These same devices can now animate type, move slogans around the screen, and even generate custom logotypes. One production company uses an unmodified Model I to type information about their commercials directly onto the videotape.

Digital computers synthesize music much better than conventional analog ones. A Vermont firm, New England Digital, manufactures a very fast minicomputer connected to a piano-like keyboard. The Synclavier can make the sound of virtually any orchestral instrument (or the entire orchestra at once) by digitally analyzing an input signal, storing the information on a five-inch floppy disk, and then rebuilding the audio waveform while the musician controls pitch and dynamics from the keyboard. Sounds can also be defined or modified from the control panel to generate



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waveforms that don't exist in any orchestra.

The Synclavier is a little bit like the music synthesizer programs available for the TRS-80, only much faster and more precise. Many commercials and made-for-TV movies are not using live musicians at all; it is cheaper and faster for the composer to play all the instruments on the computer. There are also creative advantages for the composer to be able to write a line and immediately hear it played on the different instruments. Synclavier's optional printer can even analyze what the composer is playing and write it out in standard musical notation. (*The Wall Street Journal* reports that the musician's union is still pondering the situation.)

One of the nicest features of the Synclavier, and one which microcomputer people could learn from, is that it is almost totally user-transparent. It looks and feels like a musical instrument, rather than a computer. Data entry is made by an analog-styled pot, rather than through a keypad. Instead of confronting the musician with an overwhelming array of controls, legends light up to indicate the function of a single large knob.

In all, it is one of the few powerful digital devices (other than bank automatic teller machines) that doesn't scare off computer-phobic users.

### Doing It with an '80

Microcomputers like the TRS-80 are not fast enough to generate high-quality sound or video, but a lot of real-time studio applications use micros with hardware add-ons for additional functions.

Spectrum analysis is a helpful technique in audio recording. It is a measure of the acoustic energy existing in each frequency range: the volume for the low notes versus the middle or high ones. Engineers use spectrum analysis to verify their recorders' accuracy. Producers use it to tailor sound to an environment (a good mix for a discotheque is not going to be very good on a car radio). Until recently, spectrum analyzers were hard-wired LED displays that either cost a lot of money or did not provide subtle enough readings.

Eventide Clockworks, a New York manufacturer of a popular time-compressor and other studio equipment, has also come out with a TRS-80-based solution to spectrum analysis. Their relatively inexpensive hardware plugs into a 16K Level II machine, and cassette software turns it into a fast and accurate real-time analyzer. The overall system is a lot bigger and harder to work

with than dedicated analyzers, but if you already own the computer it can save a lot of money. (The system is also available for the Pet.)

Eventide's Richard Factor is behind a slow but growing trend to get micros into the studio. Many of his products have a port for digital control, and he has written technical articles on studio/computer bus structures. While some equipment (including Eventide's) uses the IEE-488 bus, which is also used by Hewlett-Packard and Pet, others (SMPTE controllers among them) have the same RS-232 as the TRS-80 and most minicomputers. Eventually a standard will have to be adopted.

### Information Processing Applications

Most audio and video studios using the TRS-80, batch-process data using software written in Basic and a number of disk drives. Frequently, this software is written by the owner or manager of the company: someone technical enough to write complex programs, but who knows the needs of their specific productions. Almost all of the applications are in the areas of data base manipulation, scheduling, and bidding.

### A Television Production Company

Viz-Wiz has a reputation for highly creative commercial production in the Boston area. They operate a television studio and computerized control rooms; their production clients include Digital Equipment Corporation, McDonald's and Honeywell.

The kind of people who manage a company frequently determine how a computer will be used. Viz-Wiz is owned by Peter Fasciano (a producer/editor), and Tom Sprague (a video engineer). Since both are technically oriented (rather than financial or sales), Viz-Wiz was able to start using computers and custom software long before other companies of their size.

Fasciano put it this way: "We got into computers when the Level I, 4K machine first came out. My partner and I figured it was time to become computer literate. So we plunked down some money for a one-size-fits-all, disposable computer, the TRS-80. After two months we decided to upgrade and write our own programs. We are still using the same machine, but now it has three disk drives, 48K RAM, and every hardware modification we could find."

The computer at Viz-Wiz is on all day, running a massive production management program that took two and a half years to write. Normally when an advertising agency wants a commercial, they have production

*"If you estimate too high  
you can lose the job;  
too low, you lose your shirt."*

companies analyze a storyboard (a "comic-book" version of the commercial), ask questions, and prepare bids on a standardized 260-line form that includes estimates for everything from talent and make-up to lunch for the crew. If the client likes the bid, the commercial is usually produced. Since the bidding is competitive, however, most of the bids become merely an exercise for the production company.

Fasciano used to spend most of his time preparing bids: making creative judgments on what was needed to achieve a particular effect, how much it would cost, and how much should be set aside for contingencies. It is a painstaking job; if you estimate too high, you can lose the job—too low, you lose your shirt.

Viz-Wiz's TRS-80 now lets the advertising agency describe the commercial over the phone, asks a few specific questions, and then prepares the complete 260-line bid. The program carries data on freelance crew members and their rates, it schedules people and equipment, and even includes a constantly-updated data base of which agencies are easier to work with so it can make adjustments to the bid.

The program also prepares videotape labels, production logs, an invoice, and a complete date file for an A/R program. According to Fasciano, it is "designed to let a secretary sit down and play executive producer." It also gives the real producer more time to be creative.

Even though their TRS-80 is "...spookily reliable. We have had only two disk I/O failures in a year," Fasciano reports that he is finally outgrowing his Model I and will probably buy a Model II soon to run his entire business operation.

There are other computers at Viz-Wiz, but they are specialized signal-handling devices. One of them, a Quantel Digital Effects Generator, is made up mostly of DEC LSI-11 equipment. It includes five separate CPUs in the main rack and a four-bit micro in the control box. Their editing controller is based around an MC-6800 chip with 16 separate PROMs of instructions. Putting it in perspective, Fasciano told me, "It is nice having all this powerful hardware, but I probably would have had a harder time affording it without my plastic-boxed 'toy'."

#### An Audio Production Company

Sound production is less complicated than video. Even though my studio is one of the busiest commercial houses in New England and our client list includes K-Mart, Exxon, and MGM, we don't need a very so-

phisticated business or bidding system.

Jay Rose / Sound operates two multi-track recording studios, a separate editing room, and a high-speed, high-quality duplicating system. We also maintain a library of more than 16,000 music and sound effects, and have to keep track of thousands of commercial masters and release copies.

Unlike most music studios, who sell studio time to groups and base their competitiveness on musical taste and sound, we sell our ability to produce finished tapes. Efficiency and creativity are more important to our clients than gold records. There is more data organization involved, and a lot more time spent keeping track of small pieces of tape.

The management of Jay Rose / Sound is similar to that of Viz-Wiz: It consists of my wife (a writer/producer) and myself (an engineer/editor). Our goals are production oriented, rather than business. Once we acquired a disk drive for my Model I, it seemed natural to use the computer for production data.

The system usually lives in my house where I can batch-process material at night. Since programming in Basic is so easily self-taught, I have been able to write almost all of our software in a menu-driven format that other studio employees can operate. This way, I can bring the computer to work when there are large data-entry or interactive filing jobs.

Most of our programs are straightforward: processing text for labels, keeping track of client commercial numbers, or computing union-mandated talent payments. Two of our programs represent more interesting programming concepts, and

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may provide some hints for other users who write their own software.

Our mailing list doesn't work on most mail-list programs. While we might have no more than a few hundred separate company names and addresses, each company might have as many as ten different employees we need to communicate with. We devised a double-list mailing system. One list keeps company information (including client details and tax status) in a random-access file. Company account numbers are replaced by a three-letter mnemonic (Needham, Harper & Steers becomes NHS, Ingalls Associates is ING) chosen by the operator. The first few sectors of the file carry the mnemonics and direct the computer to the right logical record for that client. The other list is made up of individual names, job function codes, and their company mnemonics. Ten people in a company still require only one entry of the company name; yet a company with only one or two names doesn't waste disk space. If a person changes employers, it just requires editing the three-letter code.

Our other unusual program sorts and cross-indexes sound effects. The way sounds are interpreted changes with the context: A recording of a sail flapping, with creaking wood and seagulls, is a boat. But

the same recording, with other backgrounds, can be a flag flying or someone making a bed. Filing a sound by its title and nothing else closes off a lot of creative possibilities.

Our sound effects program files effects by title, publisher, tape number and selection, and length. It also adds three additional codes for cross-references, in any of 200 categories. The entire data base is alphabetized four ways and printed into a 60-page book, which we can update any time we want to. Since the data is only entered once and then stored in compressed form, the program is very efficient. It also checks each entry for reasonableness and queries the operator for out-of-range conditions.

We also use Lazy Writer with a number of Basic utilities for automatic line numbering, alphabetization of files, and two-column printing. Of course, we also have SMPTE and time-compression equipment.

#### Other Studio Applications

There are dedicated computer uses that do not apply to my operation. Console automation, for example, becomes almost a necessity when 46 tracks of rock music are being mixed. Nobody can control a few hundred faders, equalizers, mutes and other functions and still remember a pro-

ducer's creative instructions. Perhaps the most interesting automation system is NECAM, made by the Neve Corporation. NECAM uses the same SMPTE code as audio and video productions, but each time a control on the console is moved it writes the time and nature of the move to disk. During playback, servomotors duplicate the engineer's hand motions. Producers can sit and watch the console controls moving up and down without human intervention, while a piece of music “mixes” itself.

One prototype computer system for the recording studio doesn't use tape recorders at all. Telefunken is introducing high-quality digital recording entirely on hard disk, with editing and mixing instructions carried in RAM. The recording is not subject to any of the usual distortions of an analog tape system, so the sound quality is excellent. Unlike conventional digital recorders, the entire piece of music is available to the computer at once. It becomes very easy to combine a few bars of the drum track from the front of a song under the vocalist from the end, or keep on repeating a bass figure while all the other instruments go on with their original recording.

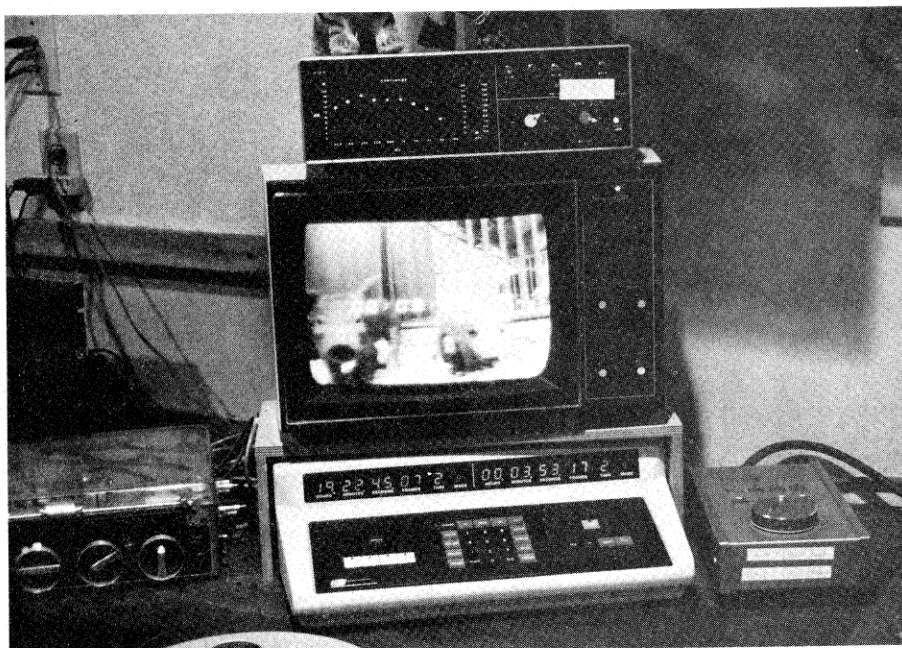
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An important thing to remember with any of these dedicated minicomputer applications, from video manipulation to music synthesis, is how quickly computers have grown more powerful. Many of the things minicomputers are now doing could not have been done on the largest mainframes ten years ago. It is entirely reasonable to expect them to be done on general-purpose microcomputers within the decade.

The back pages of this magazine already feature sophisticated data acquisition modules for the TRS-80, and recent articles have covered speech synthesis and other real-time applications.

There are physical limits to how much high-quality sound or video can be manipulated in a given memory. Audio requires a sampling frequency on the order of 40,000 times a second and video is many times higher; at those rates you could just about store the words “TRS-80” in your machine. But memory is getting smaller and cheaper while CPU chips are getting bigger and faster.

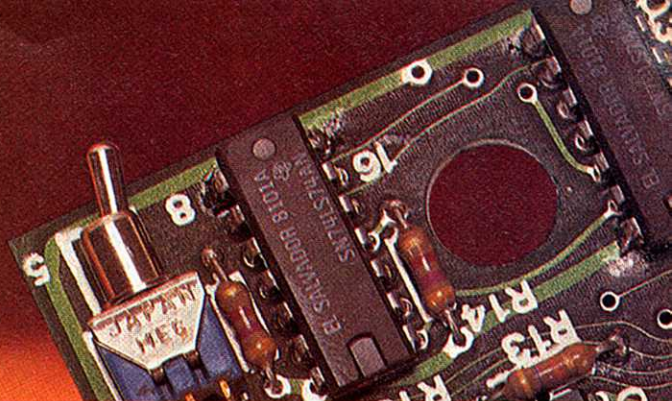
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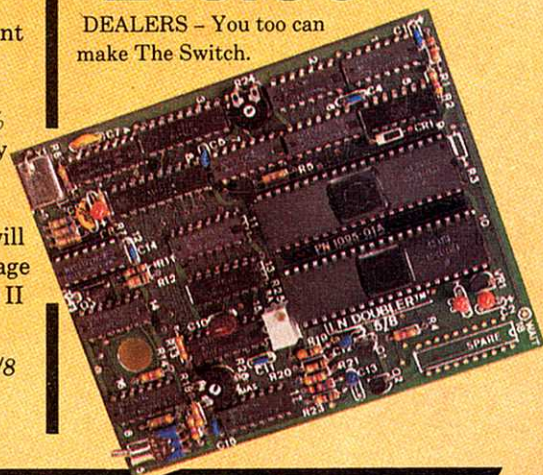
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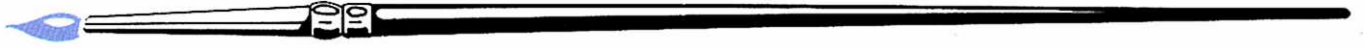
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# Spiromania

by Jake Commander  
80 Microcomputing staff

What do you get when you cross a constantly changing angle with a constantly changing radius? Don't all shout at once. What you get is a spirograph, and you already knew that, right? If so, go to the top of the class and the end of the article. If you didn't know that and you share my fascination for those immortal coils, read on.

## Early Art

As soon as I ever saw a table-top spirograph set, I just had to have one. Those plastic cogs, colored pens and amazing

patterns intrigued me. I even went to the extra effort of buying one of those multi-colored ballpoint pens with about 20 different color inserts, ranging from a kind of puerile pink to pulmonary purple—perfect for spirographs! I specialized in creations using different shades of the same color and never ceased to be amazed at the possible variations. The way the patterns interacted, causing moire effects to elicit shapes within shapes, was and still is just about my favorite spirographic effect.

On a video screen, the interplay between pixels can be even more stunning than ink on ink. It seems only natural, after getting my Color Computer, that I was drawn into creating computerized psychedelia.

In the March 1982 issue ("The Editor's Choice," page 78), *80 Micro* published one of my programs for creating some spirographic effects, but the program was written in Basic and suffered from the usual drawback of Basic programs—lack of speed. The version in this article is a much more streamlined version and allows many more options. To use the program described here, you need Extended Color Basic with a minimum of 16K RAM. The machine code can be entered using one of the many monitors available for the Color Computer or it can be assembled using a 6809 assembler. My version of the assembly source code was created using the software development system SDS-80C from

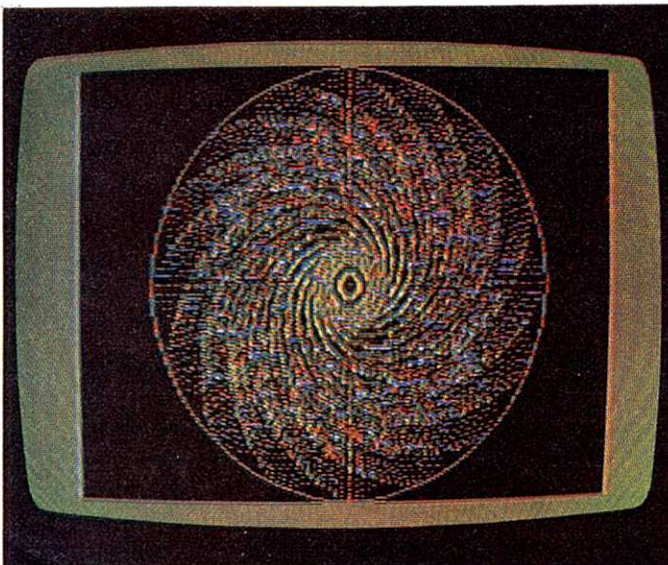


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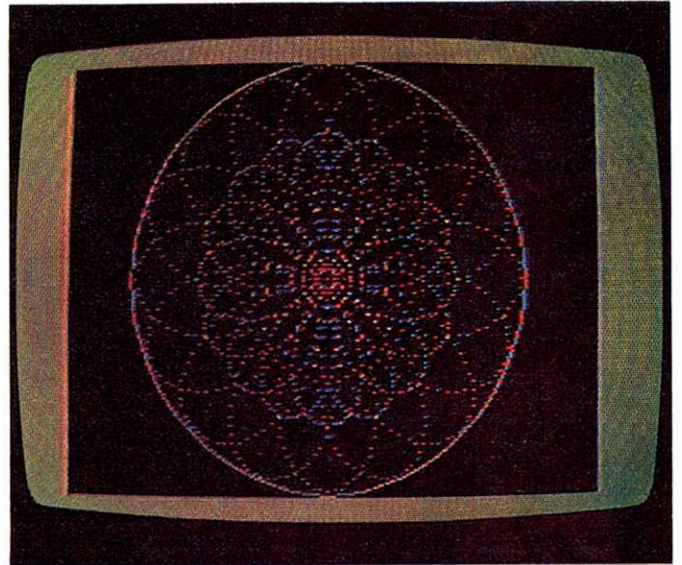


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***"By slightly altering the way in which each spirograph is drawn at every pass through a program loop artwork can be created that is amazing in its creation and execution."***

the Micro Works—an excellent ROM-based package for machine code programmers of the 6809 persuasion and worthy of special mention.

#### Present Genius

This program allows you to fabricate patterns by drawing multiple spirographs one on top of the other. By slightly altering the way each spirograph is drawn at every pass through a program loop, artwork can be created that is amazing in its creation and execution. The interplay between one layer and another can cause unpredicted new

designs to evolve. Some aesthetic judgement is required; it's all too easy to go over the top and create a graceless hideosity resembling an undercooked pizza.

As the photographs show, with a little experimentation it's possible to create anything from ornate arabesques to stained-glass replicas. The results can be truly dazzling; so much so that when I was working on this project I endured what might be termed sensory overload. The vast richness of color and shape would periodically dull my senses to the point that I couldn't differentiate between pretty nice and pretty ugly. Enough proselytizing; the results, dear readers, I place at your feet.

#### Uh-Oh Math

To attain quality truly deserving of space in an art gallery, we should have some understanding of what we're doing. I can almost hear you murmuring, "Here we go again. Here comes the nitty-gritty—more math. Bye-bye article." Well, hold on, I'll make it as understandable as possible. A small amount of trigonometry is all we need, and you may know it already. I make no apology for any over-simplifications; math buffs go to the back of the class and chew on some glue for a while.

The main thing we need to understand is the sine function. We also need the cosine function, but it's so closely related to the sine that if you understand one, you understand both.

A diagram of the sine function is shown

in Fig. 1. You've possibly seen graphs like this before and avoided them like the plague: all will now be revealed. Take a look at Fig. 2; it is the cosine function.

#### Second Things First

Notice how similar Fig. 2 is to the sine graph. I've purposely shown it for 90 degrees before the zero point to emphasize its similarity. If it looks to you like the sine shape pushed sideways 90 degrees, then you have it. That's exactly what it is: The cosine of an angle is the sine of the same angle if 90 degrees were added to it. So if you want the cosine of a particular angle, add 90 degrees and take the sine—that gives the cosine of that angle.

That's dealt cosines a blow; now you can see how you understand one if you understand the other. But we haven't looked at sines yet, so stick with it.

In the present context, when we talk about sines we're talking about circles or circular motion. Since circles are all around us, from the coins in our pockets to the motion of our planet around the sun or the rotary motion of machinery, it's no wonder the sine function crops up so often. In our case, we need it to tell us where to plot dots (or pixels) on the video screen in order to produce motifs and designs based on the humble circle.

Let's pick a circular object, like a clock, to help us analyze what the sine function can tell us. To simplify matters, this clock has only a minute hand. To reinforce the mental

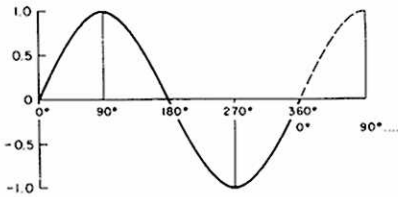


Fig. 1. The Sine Function

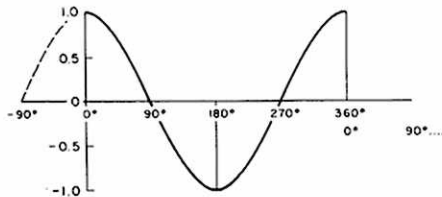


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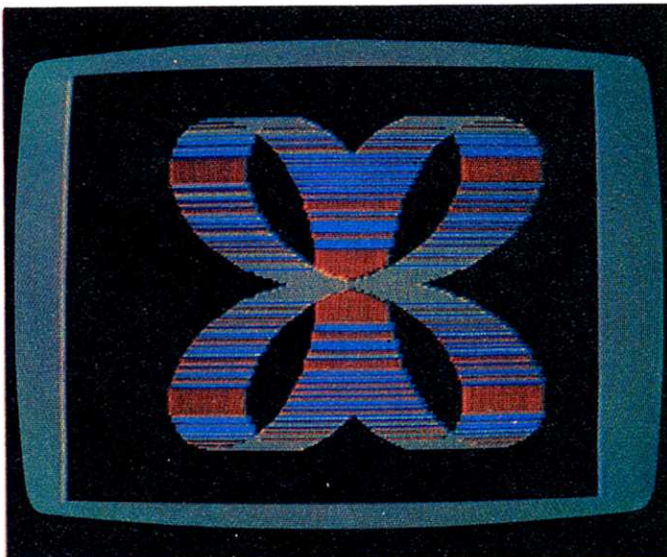


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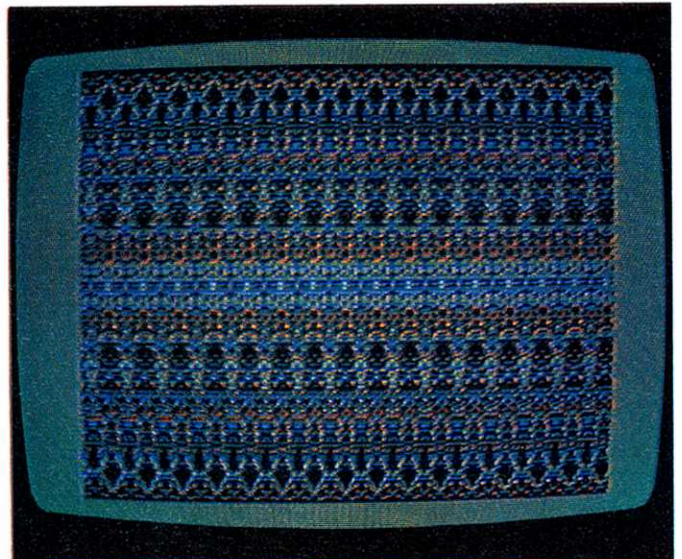


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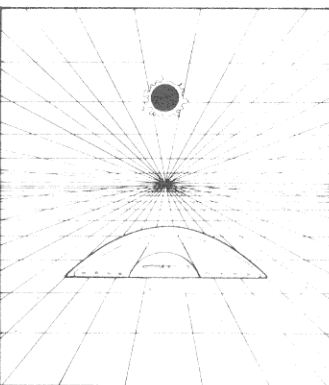
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image, the clock is two feet high, thus giving the minute hand a length of one foot. The diagrams in Fig. 3 should help you grasp the idea.

### First Things Next

Imagine you're standing at the 12 o'clock position looking across the face of the clock. That's important—we're not looking straight at the face, as if we wanted to read the time, we're peering along its surface. In the case of the first clock we'd be staring straight down the minute hand. Now, how much of the length of the minute hand do you see from that 12 o'clock position? The answer from sheer intuition is zero. If we're staring straight at the hand pointing at us, all we'd see is its width; we'd see none of its length. That's the first feel we get for the sine function; the hand has an angle relative to our position of zero degrees and we see the sine of its length which for zero degrees is zero.

Now, wait 15 minutes or if you're less patient, rotate the hand to the three o'clock position. How much of its length do we see now? Once again, intuitively we realize that if it's at an angle of 90 degrees to our position, we'll see its whole length. Another way of saying this is that at 90 degrees we see its length times one, which correlates nicely with the sine of 90 degrees, which is one.

OK, move the hand to the six o'clock position; this time it's pointed away from us at 180 degrees, so we see none of its length. As you've probably guessed, the sine of 180 degrees is zero—the same as the sine of zero degrees, except now you see why. The next step is to the nine o'clock position, at which point you may think you observe the whole length again, but what you're really seeing is the negative value of its length. Remember, we saw the length times one at the three o'clock position; at the nine o'clock or 270 degrees position it's reversed, again correlating with the sine of that angle, which is minus one.

Finally, the hand returns to the top of the clock, at 360 degrees, which is the same as zero degrees and we've literally come full circle and start over.

This clock imagery creates a feeling for the sine values at the four 90-degree points of a circle. Try to imagine the hand of the clock turning slowly from twelve to three; the observed length will at first rapidly increase from zero and then slow down until it reaches its full length at the 90 degree position, after which it shortens again. The rate of increase can be seen in the sine wave graph in Fig. 1. The curve starts off steeply

then flattens out at 90 degrees.

Figure 4 shows this more graphically from the point of view of a sine and cosine. Notice that the sine curve repeats in a mirror-image fashion from 90 to 180 degrees, and then we get the negative mirror-image. In fact, just by using the curve from zero to 90 degrees we have enough information to plot the whole sine curve to 360 degrees. That's the approach I use in the machine code, which I'll describe later on.

### Sine of the Times

What use is this to us spirographers? Lots of use: If we take any center point in the video display we can now plot a circle using the techniques we've learned. All we have to do is decide on the radius of the circle and use it as if it were the tip of the minute hand.

Remember that we'll be plotting points at the tip of that imaginary hand—not along the whole hand. The best way to grasp this is with another example: let's choose a radius of 10 pixels and plot a circle by setting dots from zero to 360 degrees. It doesn't matter how many dots we use, but if they're spaced close enough together it will appear as if they're one continuous line.

Start at zero degrees. The sine of zero degrees is zero, so we multiply the length of 10 pixels by zero. The result, zero, simply means that on the left-to-right (or X) axis of the screen, the dot is offset by zero dots from the center. The real center of the screen in Basic's PMODE 4 is the 128th dot, giving us the X coordinate. To get the Y coordinate, take the cosine of zero degrees,

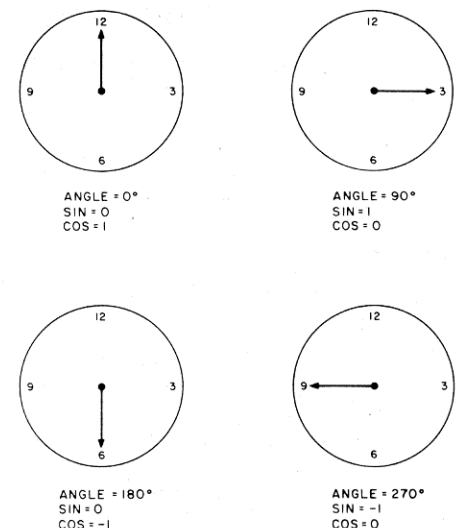
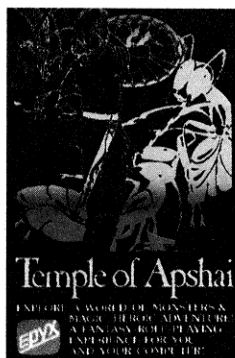


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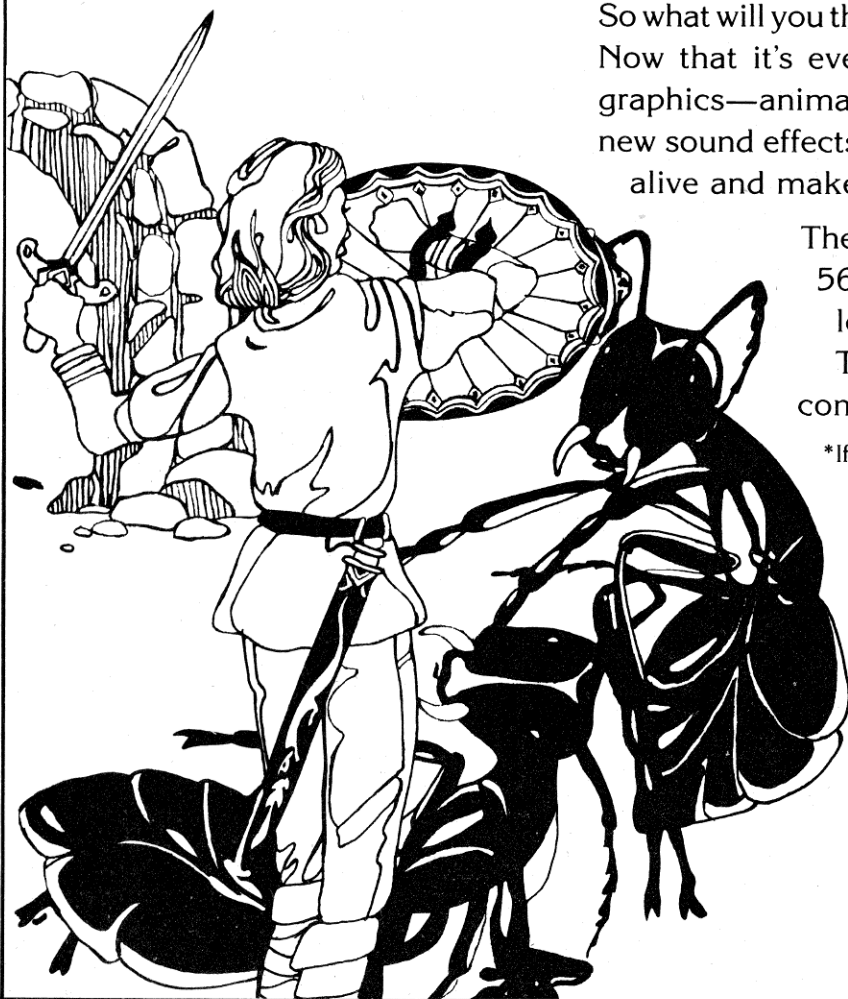
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*"To appreciate the final technicality of the genus spirographica, imagine what would happen if the radius were changed as the circle was drawn."*

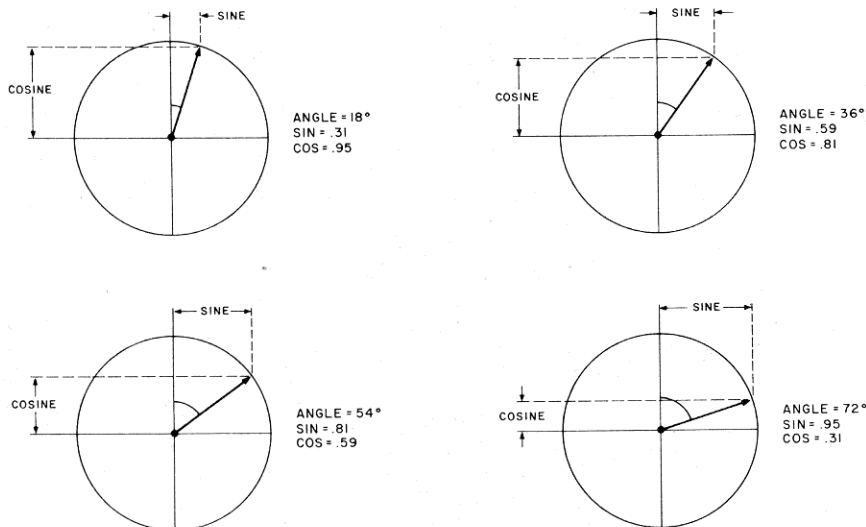


Figure 4

which is one. Multiplying the radius of 10 pixels by one gives us an offset of 10 dots from the center of the top-to-bottom (or Y) axis of the screen. The center position in PMODE 4 is 96, so this would give us a Y coordinate of 106.

This immediately presents a problem; if we plot this 12 o'clock position at 128 dots across and 106 down, we'll be at the 6 o'clock position relative to the center. This is because the Y axis on the Color Computer (and most other graphic computers) is upside down: increasing values on the Y axis bring the plotted points downward instead of up, as in the case of a normal graph. To overcome this minor annoyance, we merely have to negate our cosine results to make the circle come out top side up. So, in our example, instead of adding, we subtract 10 from the center point of 96 which gives us a Y coordinate of 86. At last, we set a pixel at an X,Y coordinate pair of 128,86 and have ourselves a dot at the 12 o'clock position.

Next, we'll step the angle by a chosen, small amount and repeat the procedure, multiplying the 10 pixel radius by the sine and negative cosine values of the new angle, then adding 128 and 96 respectively. This gives us a new dot to the right and slightly below the first dot; we're slowly but surely on our way to drawing a circle. By the time the angle has been stepped to 360 degrees, there will be a circle on the screen with a radius of 10 dots. Notice that if you add different values than 128 and 96, you simply change the center of the final circle.

Now, wasn't that simplicity itself?

### Genus Spirographica

To appreciate the final technicality of the genus spirographica, imagine what would happen if the radius were changed as the circle was drawn. All sorts of shapes would present themselves, ranging from spirals to oval shapes to stars to our final goal—the spirograph.

In a real spirograph an inner wheel rotates inside a bigger one. This makes the radius of our circle describe a circular motion of its own within the larger circle. We can approximate this on a computer by multiplying the radius at each plotted angle by the sine of that angle, imparting a simulated circular motion to the radius. Notice that I say simulated; by applying the sine function to the radius, it will take on negative

values—something that's well and good for creating effects, but not what normally happens in real life. In a real spirograph, the inner wheel causes its own radius to gyrate backwards and forwards sine-fashion from a point inside the circumference of the outside wheel rather than the center.

Why bother to write all this complicated stuff in machine code, anyway? It would be easy enough to apply these sine/cosine rules to a changing radius and angle in the good old lingua franca—Basic. The answer is not exactly surprising: speed.

If you tried my program from the March issue, you'll have noticed how slowly the patterns were drawn. Remember, you're plotting a single pixel at a time and for each pixel you need two sines and a cosine. Then, assuming the highest resolution, the coordinates have to be scaled to fit into a 256 by 192 frame on the screen. The Basic interpreter is painfully slow at computing sine functions. That's because these functions work in floating point math which requires many machine code instructions to produce a result which is far too accurate for our needs. Also, the method used to evaluate a sine requires a number of iterations of the Taylor series which converges to approximate the function to an accuracy of five decimal places. It's slow and complicated.

For our needs, a number of zero to 255 is sufficient for the X axis, and zero to 191 for the Y axis. I arrive at these values directly by referring to a table in memory similar to the trigonometry tables you may have used in school. The machine code routine extracts the correct value from the table according to the given angle. In place of the normal trigonometric values from minus one through zero to plus one, I arrive at the numbers from zero through 127 to 255.

To shorten the sine table in memory, I on-

design # (photo #)	Lobes	D/L	X Step	Y Step	Ang Offset	Scale Offset	Comments
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3	2	L	2	0	0	0	18 loops
4	5	D	8	0	12	0	To completion
5	88	D	16	0	0	0	4 loops
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ly store sine values for the angles zero to 90 degrees. The sines returned for these angles are generated as the byte values 128 to 255 which allow their direct use as X axis coordinates. For use on the Y axis, the value is divided by 3/4 to give the values 96 to 191 as per the screen dimensions. By using the previously mentioned mirror-image property of the sine function, all angles from 90 degrees upwards can be derived from this table to fill in the missing values from zero

to 127 (or 95 in the case of the Y axis). Remember that to arrive at the cosine of an angle you simply add 90 degrees to the given angle and take the sine.

By way of a compliment to the writers of the Circle command in Extended Color Basic, I was horrified to find that their routine drew a circle faster than mine. I was stunned. Where had I gone wrong? In fact, I hadn't gone wrong at all. They cheat by using 64 lines to draw their circle whereas I

plot mine at 720 half-degree increments. Their method is ingenious and very slightly faster, but my circle is rounder—now we're talking artistic perfection! ■

*Ed's note: This is the first part of a two-part series, which will conclude in next month's issue. Look at the pretty pictures, study the explanation of sines and cosines, and next month you'll be all set to create great art with Jake's program!*

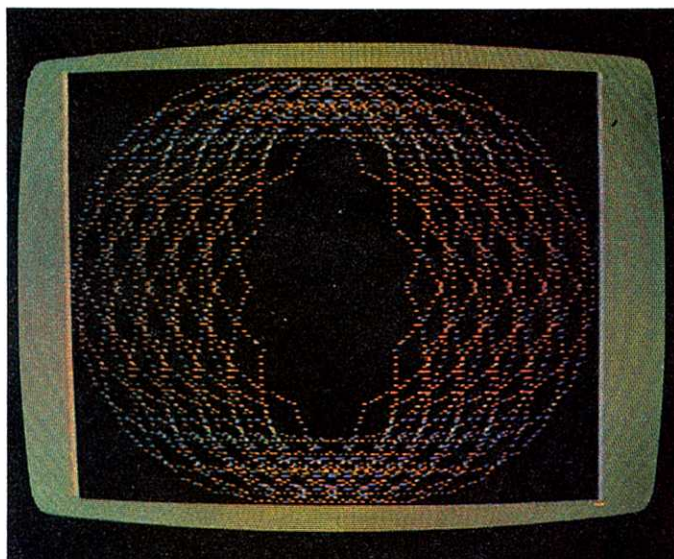


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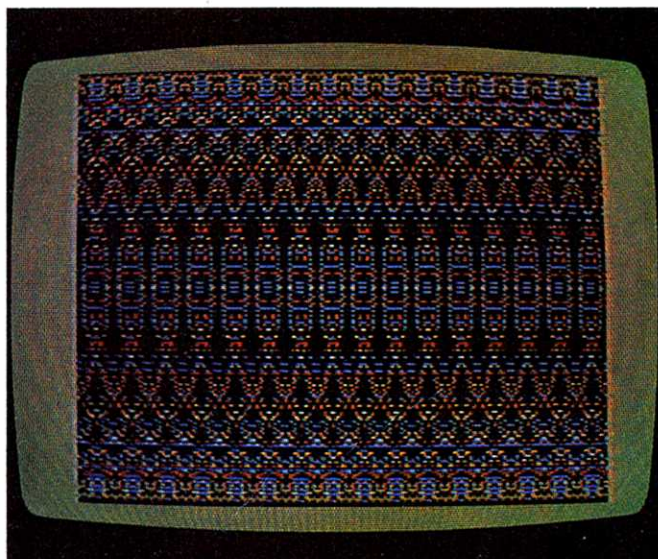


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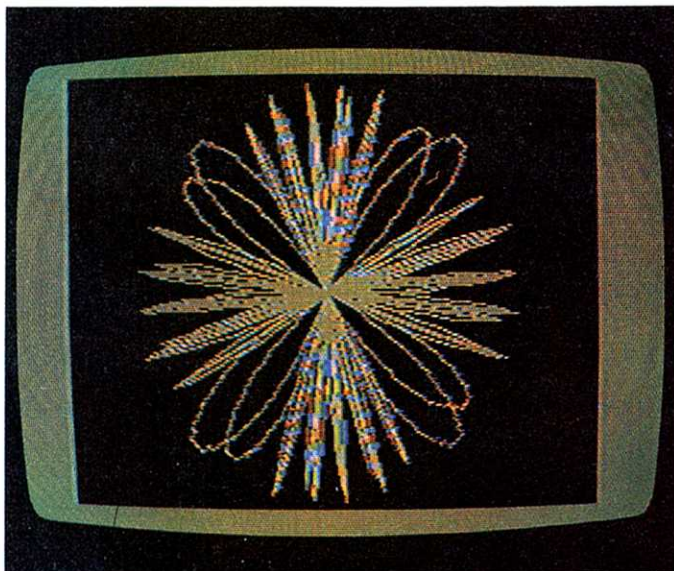


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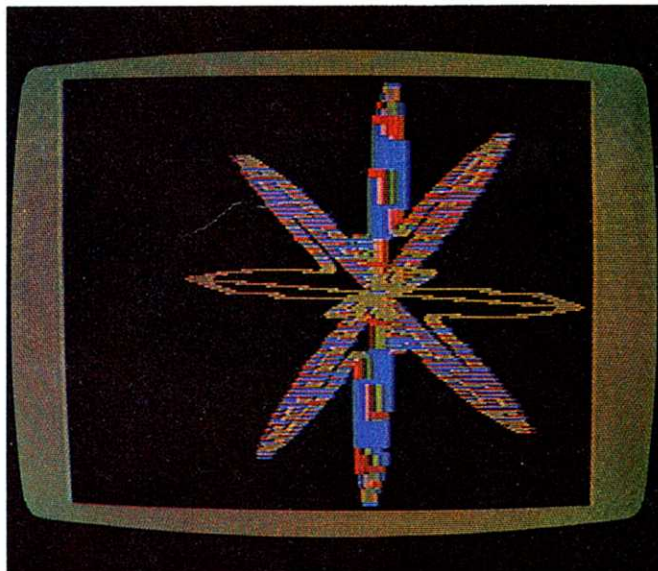


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*Will micros change the way we look at film?*

# Celluloid CPUs

by Michael E. Nadeau  
80 Microcomputing staff

The work of large computers in producing special effects for movies such as *Star Wars* and *Close Encounters* is well known. But few know of the mark micros are making for themselves in Tinseltown.

"There is really a lot happening (in the movie business) with microcomputers," said Richard Shaw, an expert on computer applications for the film industry. There are two main areas where micros are involved in the actual producing of a movie: graphics generation and motion control. (Motion control is the way perspective is kept between camera movement and the action being filmed; i.e., a camera may pan an action shot at a different speed than that action—computers help coordinate this.) The types of computers used in graphics and motion control are usually dedicated, eight-bit, 64K S-100-based machines, he said.

Shaw sees television benefitting most from the use of computers in film production. "Television allows for excellent control by computers... because of their high-resolution screens," he said. Hollywood, however, is using micros more as their advantages become apparent.

## The China Syndrome

One movie that pioneered the use of micros was *The China Syndrome*. Since the movie simulated an accident at a nuclear power plant an exact reproduction of a reactor control room was built. The crew now needed a way to make all the control boards, lights and gauges behave as they would in an actual emergency.

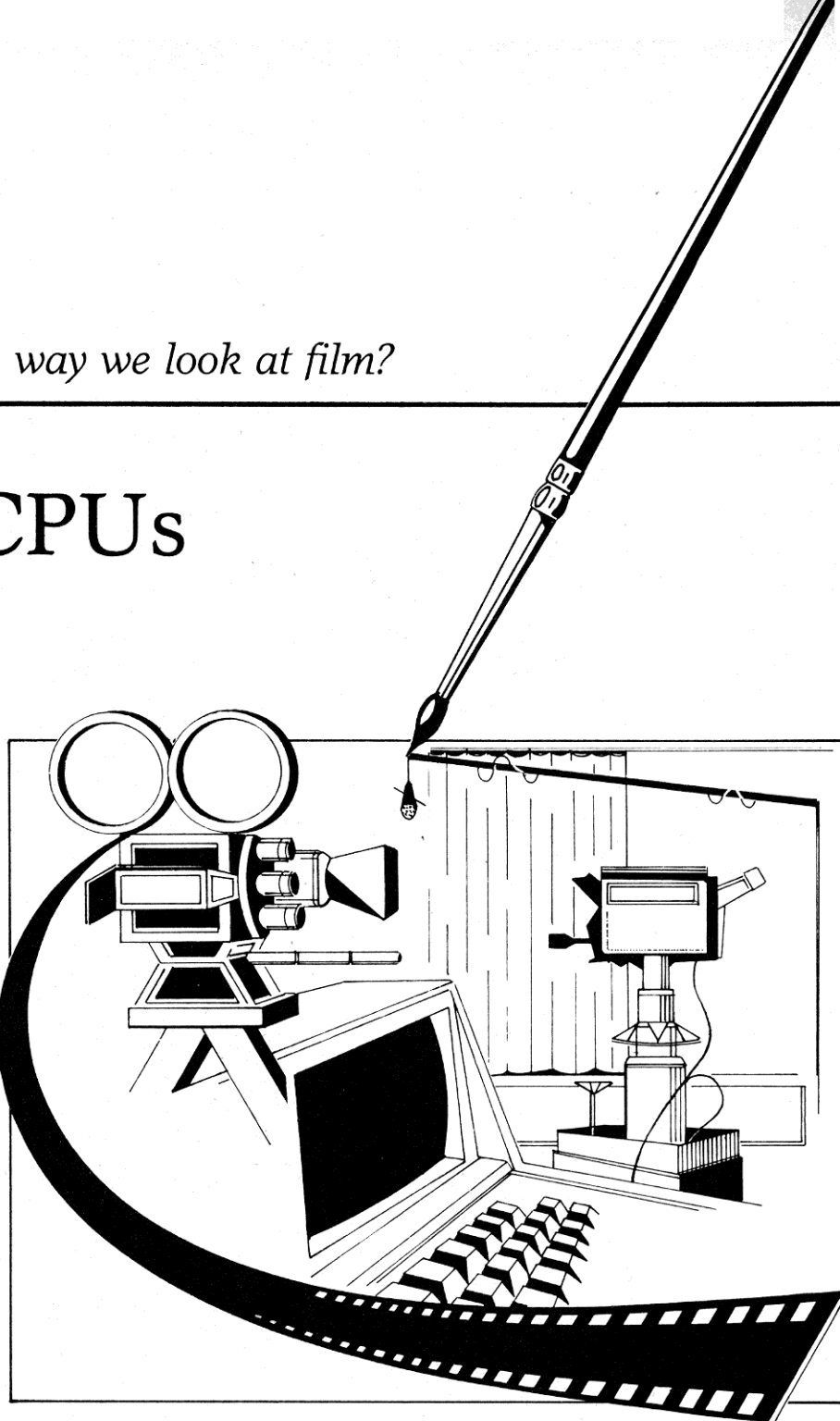
One person who had a hand in creating the system that ran the movie's control room was Michael Fink, an electronics consultant for the film. Hardware or large com-

puters were too expensive for the control devices; they decided to use a micro. *China Syndrome* was filmed in 1978, just when the micro industry was beginning. At this time it was very difficult to get a micro in the time the movie company needed it. One company, Compal, was not only able to supply a micro within six weeks, but arrangements were made for the movie company to use it for one year.

The Compal 80 was an 8080A-chip-based machine of 64K. With this computer, "We had to simulate a nuclear reactor going nuts," Fink said. Essentially what they did was hook up the Compal 80 to the control panels via the S-100 bus and use software

to control virtually all the action. The author of that software was Richard Hollander. Stuart Ziff, now working on the *Star Wars* sequel, *Revenge of the Jedi*, was responsible for all hardware interfacing. Fink's responsibility was making sure that the system got built.

This team accomplished what Fink considers a first in the movie industry: the use of a microcomputer in live action. The system was set up so at certain cues, an actor could run specific software from the control panel to simulate the proper action for that sequence. For example, Jack Lemmon would say a line—his cue to press a certain button. This button would start the





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software, which flashed lights and made dials "go crazy."

Fink said the great advantage to this system was that it gave the actors the chance to play with the set, and the set gave the actors cues. The system was flexible enough that if someone wanted to change it, it could be done in a matter of seconds, "saving days in shooting," he said. The set itself took only six weeks to build.

The system had 144 output ports, representing the 144 items the Compal 80 had to control. Variable voltage analog signals were sent to make the gauges go awry, and relay boxes were placed behind each light. Eight miles of cable were used on the set.

A cassette system stored each sequence. "We didn't need speed," Fink said. They would load the tape in the morning, then write what they did to the computer at lunchtime and again in the evening. When they later were doing inserts (as the term implies, the inserting of sequences into parts of the film), they could pull cassette number 233 and use that sequence where they needed it.

Fink said the same system could not have been built as cheaply nor as quickly had they used manual switches and other hardware controls. Software control for the types of special effects used in *The China Syndrome* was new ground in the film industry at the time. Fink said today one could just buy a 64K TRS-80 Model II and "literally buy the software off the shelf."

## Blade Runner

Another movie, yet to be released at this writing, used a micro with one of its props during production. *Blade Runner* is a science fiction film based on the book, *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*, by Philip K. Dick. The plot, set in the future, is about a bounty hunter who hunts down a band of renegade androids. The film was produced by Filmways Pictures and had a \$15 million budget.

Again, Fink was involved in the work done with micros in this film. He and a partner, Linda Fleischer, were in charge of all "hi-tech action props." In the film, there is a vehicle called a Spinner. Based on a conventional car chassis, the Spinner featured a complex control panel. The original plan was to use a Horizon North Star computer to control the dials, digital readouts, and gauges—much the same way the Compal 80 was used in *The China Syndrome*.

Four Spinners were built: two driving versions, one light-weight flying version, and a

process car controlled by the microprocessor system. Fink and Fleischer had to build an interactive system that would simulate the proper instrument behavior in two circumstances: flight and driving pursuit. The instruments included thirteen alphanumeric displays, seven analog displays, and displays in both English and Japanese characters.

"There were a tremendous amount of things in one small vehicle," Fink said. Unfortunately, the efforts of Fink and Fleischer were almost for naught. "Almost none of the system was used. . . most of it was run by switches (in the actual filming)," Fink said. Apparently in this application there was a little technological overkill. But, Fink said, "You give them more than they ask for."

## Movies, Money and Micros

The reason micros are seeing more use in movie making is simple: They save time and money. And micros are not used only in the production of movies. Many directors have discovered that by using a micro or time-sharing on a mainframe they can keep track of their costs as they occur—a very important consideration in Hollywood these days.

"Up until recently it was nearly impossible to tell where the money was going until after the fact," Shaw said. A director or producer cannot apply cost controls until he knows where they are needed. A computer is very handy in this situation.

Other facets of the movie industry use micros as well. Several talent agencies use micros to keep track of clients. A growing number of screenwriters, Shaw included, use micros as word processors.

Shaw sees little resistance in the industry to microcomputers. "People are smart enough to see what is going on," he said. "Those unfamiliar with computing were a little afraid. . . (but) there is a tremendous turnaround of talent. . . (and) the new people know more about computers."

He said a lot of the people in movie production using computers often had an interest in physics or electronics, so computers came easily to them. Also, film makers tend to be "a little worried about expenses," Shaw said.

"You don't have to know about computers to use them," Shaw said. "Movies are the first love (of screenwriters, directors, producers, and so on). Computers should free you to apply your creativity. They just get rid of the tedium." ■



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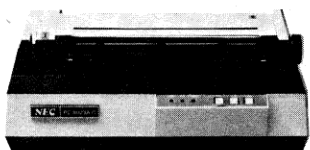
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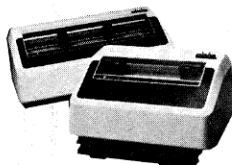
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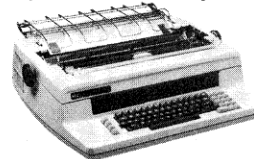
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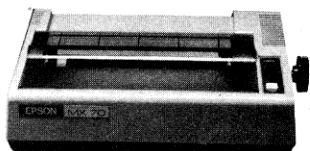
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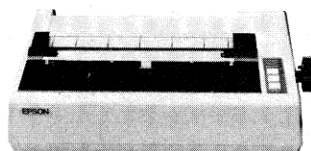
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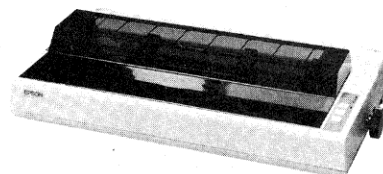


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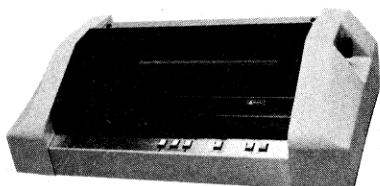
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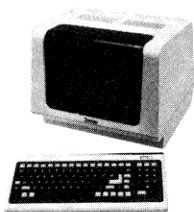
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*Sculpting the Aurora Borealis.*

## Northern Lights

by Bert Latamore  
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I want to make things that cannot be designed without a computer. I am making an effort to understand what the computer is uniquely capable of doing." Sculptor Rob Fisher did not always profess such a unique approach to his sculpting. The sheer magni-

tude of some recent projects, however, persuaded him to research the advantages of computer graphics; more specifically he harnessed CAD/CAM (Computer-Aided Design/Computer-Aided Manufacturing) and advanced vector graphics techniques creating a form of sculpture so new it hasn't been named.

When commissioned to create a five-story hanging construction for Playboy's Atlantic City Casino, Fisher set out two years ago to capture the ethereal grace of the Aurora Borealis.

With 5,000 pieces ranging in size from

four inches to forty feet working together in complex and constantly shifting ways, *Northern Lights* was a designer's Chinese puzzle nightmare. It was designed to be viewed from ground level and the four upper stories of the casino. The engineering problems alone were immense, and the creative questions were staggering.

To design it, Fisher needed to make a special model, one which would accurately show the flexing of the various members and locate the center of gravity of the piece. It had to allow easy judgement of single components and whole sections and in-

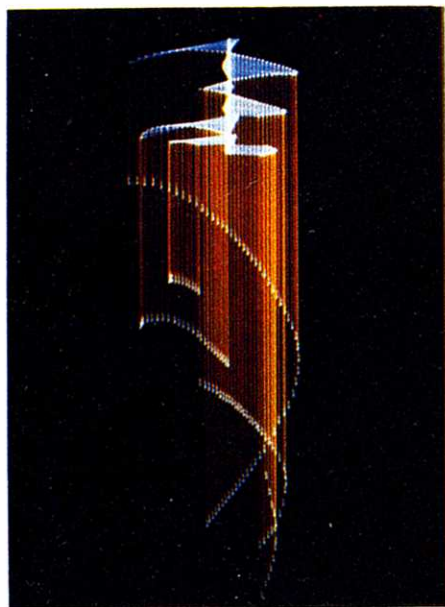


Photo 1. Perspective of sculpture in space

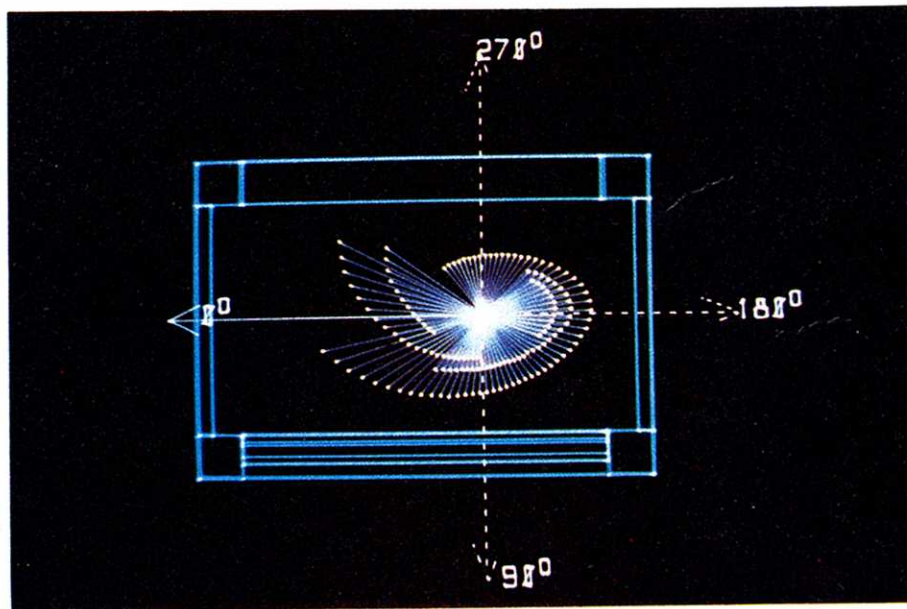


Photo 2. Plan view schematic with axial indicators



*"... sculpture is a three-dimensional event; you want to preview it from as many... angles as possible."*

stantly show the effects of each change on the entire work. It also needed to represent the relationship between the sculpture and the then unbuilt building it would go into. "As I started to contemplate constructing the model it became unmanageable," he commented.

No scale model would accurately duplicate the final piece; the only way to design it seemed to be to build a full size model at enormous cost and effort, hang it somewhere and keep a crew of workmen busy for a year or more making alterations.

"At the same time I was contemplating this problem, I met an architectural student who was taking a computer graphics course," he commented. The student, from nearby Penn State University, introduced Fisher to a research laboratory director who referred him to Frederick R. Stocker, a computer graphics analyst with more than 10 years experience in CAD/CAM research, including design work on the simulation used by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Skylab project.

#### Mutually Delighted

Stocker, who has interests in both science and art, and Fisher, who holds an MIT engineering degree, were mutually delighted. Stocker was pleased to have a project as creative as *Northern Lights*, and Fisher was surprised at what Stocker's customized Adage Model 30 minicomputer could do.

"I knew we were going to see different views of the sculpture," Fisher explained. This is important because "sculpture is a three-dimensional event; you want to preview it from as many different angles as possible."

The computer, in fact, allowed him to see it from the top, side and a simulated view from any of the halls that open onto it. In spite of Fisher's initial fears, the computer proved as interactive as a good word processor.

"It was the terrific ability to make an engineering decision and immediately see its visual effect which so astonished me," Fisher revealed.

They started with a conceptual model and developed specifications on each component using a combination of computer research and physical testing. As they fed it new data, the computer constantly updated the model, automatically monitoring engineering concerns.

When they finished the initial design, the Adage indicated it weighed 1,500 pounds and placed its center of gravity a foot to one

side of the central column. They spent several months refining the design, trimming its weight to 600 pounds and moving the center of gravity into the central column to avoid putting torque into the roof beam it would hang from.

#### Computer Tricks

At the same time, Fisher redesigned the veils, meticulously polishing his work. And the Adage, which Stocker described as an older minicomputer with capabilities not too different from those of many of today's micros, showed some of its tricks.

"The computer looks at data in a very cold, objective way," Fisher explained. "It asked questions I would never have thought of like 'What if you flatten out the data and present it in a graph?'"

The graph was invaluable in locating spots where the sculpture's curves were not correct and needed reworking.

#### Working With Reality

One of Stocker's main concerns was ensuring they were working with reality. "It's tricky because you can show things that are impossible to build," Stocker said.

CAD/CAM techniques are being used successfully in bridge, automobile and aircraft design, however, so it is possible for

experienced operators to control their computers.

"Ultimately," Stocker commented, "manufacturing engineers will do their design on the screen and push a button to have it made."

Although *Northern Lights* was not built quite that easily, the computer did make all the measurements and print complete construction instructions automatically.

The project proved to be the ultimate test of Stocker's experimental CAD/CAM programs. When he compared the finished work to his computer model he found it accurate to within two inches.

#### A Profound Effect

The experience had a profound effect on the sculptor. In fact, Fisher, whose work includes fountains, bank facades, mobiles and a 35-foot tall hanging sculpture, started studying Fortran and bought an ENS graphics package driven by a DEC mainframe.

Fisher looked at several microcomputers but found they only offered raster graphics. He felt they could be used for rough initial designs, but compared to the mainframe's vector system they were unsuitable for detailed design work of such complexity.

#### The New Work

Fisher's new work will be even more ambitious than the first. Like *Northern Lights*, it will consist of a large number of columns hanging in space. The shape will resemble a prism standing on end, giving it the cross-section of a triangle with the corners cut off. It will be eight stories high.

Fisher plans to model a spiral galaxy directly from astronomical photographs on his computer screen superimposed over the prism of columns. He will put a six-inch-long polished brass fitting at each place where a column intersects the design of the galaxy. He expects to use about 1,000 of them. This, he admitted, simplifies the galaxy by a proportion of 200 million to one, but it brings it into human view.

#### One of a Kind

Fisher believes he is the only sculptor designing large-scale pieces on a computer, although he knows of one artist who uses a machine to check his calculations on large standing metal constructions he designs with traditional methods.

The computer has changed Fisher's art, and he does not expect he will ever be the same. "It was an entirely new approach for me," he said. "It has changed my way of thinking." ■

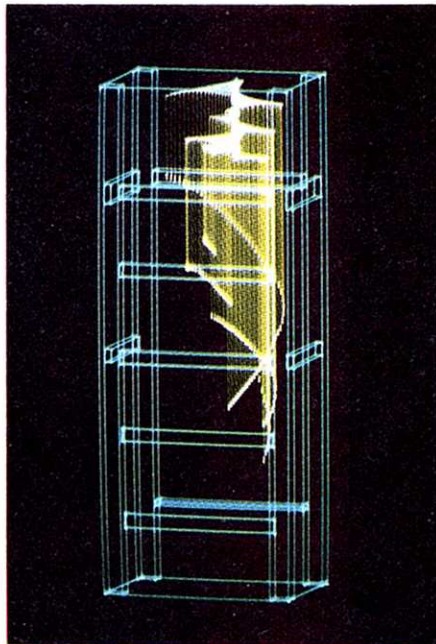


Photo 3. Perspective of sculpture from casino floors



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# Programmable Sound Generator

## Program Listing 1

```
10 ' ** PSG3/BAS **
20 CLS :PRINT** * PROGRAM TO GENERATE AND PLAY RANDOM SOUNDS THROUGH PSGs *
30 PRINT "Disk BASIC version, June 1981"
40 ' Program requires a nine-voice or 15-voice PSG Music Board
50 ' with a hardware metronome.
60 DEFINT A-Z :DIM A%(2000,2) :NB=276 :MB=309 :REM Number of bytes of machine language programs
70 K1=0 :M=0 :L=0 :U0=0 :REM Initialize some values
80 F=0 :REM Flag for first time through
90 PRINT :PRINT "Loading - - - - -" :PRINT

100 OUT 4,0 :REM Reset all PSGs
110 FOR X=0 TO NB-1 :REM PLAYBK driver in machine language
120 READ D :POKE -8192+X,D
130 NEXT X
140 FOR X=0 TO MB-1 :REM RNDM machine language driver
150 READ D :POKE -7680+X,D
160 NEXT X
170 DATA 211,4,62,7,50,240,223,221,42,246
180 DATA 223,221,78,0,221,70,1,237,67,254
190 DATA 223,221,110,254,221,102,255,41,229,209
200 DATA 221,25,221,34,250,223,41,229,209,221
210 DATA 42,246,223,221,25,221,34,252,223,1
220 DATA 2,0,42,246,223,9,126,50,239,223
230 DATA 230,7,40,12,50,240,223,219,0,254
240 DATA 255,40,250,126,24,4,58,240,223,134
250 DATA 211,0,42,250,223,9,126,254,1,40
260 DATA 38,254,3,40,34,254,5,40,30,254
270 DATA 13,40,54,211,1,254,6,42,252,223
280 DATA 9,126,211,2,204,209,224,3,42
290 DATA 254,223,41,175,237,66,32,180,201,211
300 DATA 1,95,221,42,252,223,221,9,221,126
310 DATA 1,211,2,29,123,211,1,221,126,0
320 DATA 211,2,205,209,224,24,216,58,239,223
330 DATA 95,42,252,223,9,126,253,33,241,223
340 DATA 203,123,205,198,224,203,115,205,198,224
350 DATA 203,107,205,198,224,203,99,205,198,224
360 DATA 203,91,205,198,224,195,117,224,32,3
370 DATA 253,35,201,253,119,0,253,35,201,253
380 DATA 33,241,223,58,239,223,95,203,123,22
390 DATA 128,205,253,224,203,115,22,64,205,253
400 DATA 224,203,107,22,32,205,253,224,203,99
410 DATA 22,16,205,253,224,203,91,22,8,205
420 DATA 253,224,201,32,3,253,35,201,58,240
430 DATA 223,130,211,0,62,13,211,1,253,126
440 DATA 0,211,2,253,35,201
450 '
500 DATA 211,4,58,249,223,183,32,63,237,95
510 DATA 253,33,51,227,253,119,0,237,95,253
520 DATA 119,1,221,42,246,223,221,110,254,221
530 DATA 102,255,229,193,11,237,67,254,223,221
540 DATA 113,0,221,112,1,41,229,209,221,42
550 DATA 246,223,221,25,221,34,250,223,41,229
560 DATA 209,221,42,246,223,221,25,221,34,252
570 DATA 223,17,18,0,221,42,246,223,221,25
580 DATA 205,31,227,221,119,0,221,42,250,223
590 DATA 221,25,205,31,227,230,15,254,0,40
600 DATA 247,254,2,40,243,254,4,40,239,254
610 DATA 14,40,235,254,15,40,231,221,119,0
620 DATA 221,42,252,223,221,25,254,7,40,2
630 DATA 24,17,205,31,227,230,63,79,230,48 :REM Change 48 to 56
640 DATA 254,48,40,2,24,242,121,24,110,254 :REM and change 48 to 56
650 DATA 6,40,30,254,13,40,33,254,8,40 :REM to turn off all noise channels
660 '
670 DATA 46,254,9,40,42,254,10,40,38,254
680 DATA 1,40,45,254,3,40,55,254,5,40
690 DATA 68,24,73,205,31,227,230,31,24,69
700 DATA 205,31,227,230,15,254,8,40,2,24
710 DATA 245,254,15,40,241,24,52,205,31,227
720 DATA 230,31,254,3,56,247,24,41,205,31
730 DATA 227,183,40,25,230,15,254,14,56,38
740 DATA 24,242,205,31,227,183,40,11,230,3
750 DATA 254,3,56,24,24,242,205,31,227,125
760 DATA 254,14,56,248,24,3,205,31,227,221
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Program Listing 1 Continues

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A computer-controlled synthesizer capable of nine simultaneous voices can be yours for about \$125 in parts—providing you already have a disk-equipped TRS-80 Model I. You can build a stereo PSG (Programmable Sound Generator) music board with some astounding software-controlled features, not to mention automatic “player-piano” capabilities, wherein the music is synthesized anew whenever the computer plays the digitally encoded score.

General Instrument designed some complex LSI music chips that were aimed at the arcade/games market, but are easy to interface to any microcomputer bus. At \$11–12 apiece, the AY-3-8910/8912 PSG chips can each produce three simultaneous voices with an eight-octave range, governed by one of several envelopes or 16 levels of volume. Variable noise output is also provided.

The PSG chips suffer some limitations: they are slightly off frequency, especially in high octaves; their digital-to-analog converters produce slight clicks during extended envelope decay; only square wave output is available. These PSG chips are precursors of more accurate synthesizer chips to come. Even today, each of the above limitations can be solved in hardware; for example, a square-to-sine wave converter is easy to build.

The limitations of PSGs are overshadowed by the astonishing flexibility afforded by microprocessor control. Let us look at some examples.

- Sound effects generation for computer games. The PSG music board provides stereo outputs for realistic sound effects.

- Music synthesizer: You can encode and play repeatedly a multi-part score. Limited percussion effects are possible.

- You can play random notes after some software “filtering”—elimination of very high notes, for example—to give pleasing cacophonies of ever-changing sounds.

- You can generate semi-random notes or chords. Software can impose musical scales, keys and chord progressions to



*"Next step in adding intelligence might involve counting beats, bars and phrases by software."*

give "random symphonies" that are of some musical value.

- The computer can compose music—but only after a major programming and analytical effort.

- You can refine envelope control by storing envelopes in computer RAM. Envelopes, or attack-decay volume variations, allow the ear to differentiate between various classes of instruments. Envelopes occur on a relatively slow time scale, so the microprocessor can service several envelopes and perform other tasks at the same time.

- You can easily accomplish glissando and "note bending." Around middle C, for example, the PSGs divide frequencies to produce 14 intervals for a semitone!

- Polyrhythms are programmable, with easy switching between time signatures. You can approximate triplet time. The noise sources on the PSGs limit percussion effects, but the computer-generated signals could trigger external percussion devices.

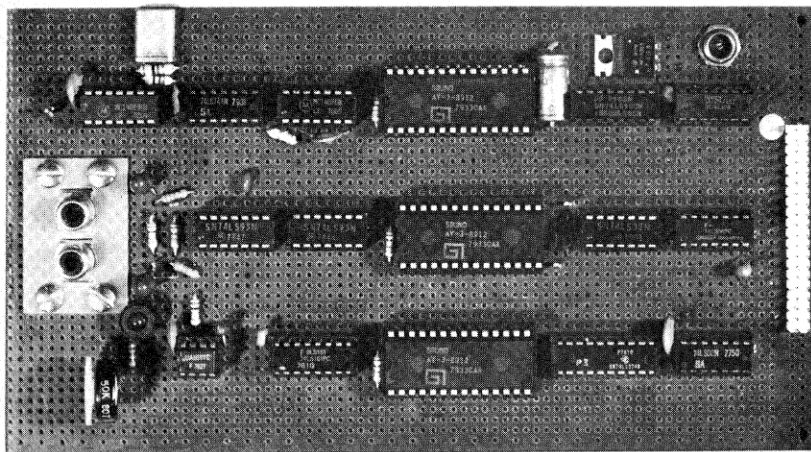
The list becomes longer if we consider what some simple hardware additions would give:

- Metronome with programmable pulse would give the music board the capability of "bending" time under software control. A triplet metronome running in parallel with the straight-time metronome would give true triplets.

- You could obtain true echo effects by employing multiple PSGs, each of which would duplicate the sounds of the primary PSG after some delay. The delays would be software-programmable.

- You could implement an intelligent synthesizer with as little as one microphone and an analog-to-digital converter. Software would analyze the loudness of a musical performance and trigger the PSGs to produce preset effects. A PSG music board could thus accompany, in real time, a musical performance. The next step in adding intelligence might involve counting beats, bars and phrases by software. The PSGs could trigger special effects at the end of a chorus, for example. If you input key changes into the computer, the computer could generate and play proper chords at preset or semi-random spots.

I will describe the construction of a nine voice PSG music board that is expandable to 15 voices and in/out port mapped. The music board incorporates a metronome that can resolve note durations from a whole note to 1/128th note. The music board



*Photo 1. Prototype nine-voice PSG music board, wire-wrapped on a Vector board. The dot next to the header indicates pin 1 of the connector—equivalent to pin 2 of the TRS-80 Model I bus.*

#### Program Listing 1 Continued

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760 DATA 119,0,221,54,1,0,24,6,221,117
770 DATA 0,221,119,1,19,19,42,254,223,41
780 DATA 175,237,82,194,74,226,201,42,51,227
790 DATA 6,15,41,124,23,172,250,44,227,44
800 DATA 16,246,34,51,227,124,201,0,0
820
830 ' You may build a three-dimensional array in here,
840 ' but you must specify the number of notes in A$(0,0).
850 GOTO 970 :REM Or let RNDM build an array of 2000 notes
860 REM FAST PLAYBACK IN MACHINE LANGUAGE
870 IF F>0 THEN 880 ELSE F=2 :REM F=0 for first time through
880 POKE -8199,F :REM Flag transmitted to machine-language pgm.
890 DEFUSR0=-8192
900 PRINT :PRINT " * * PLAYBACK * *"
910 K=VARPTR(A$(0,0))
920 IF K=<0 THEN K1=65536+K ELSE K1=K
930 PRINT " Array begins at", :PRINT K, :PRINT K1
940 M=CINT(K1/256) :L=K1-M*256
950 POKE -8201,M :POKE -8202,L
960 U0=USR0(A)
970 PRINT :PRINT " * * RANDOM ARRAY GENERATION * *"
980 REM Number of notes generated will equal the array dimension.
990 DEFUSR1=-7680
1000 IF F=0 THEN POKE -8199,0 ELSE GOTO 1080 :REM Flag = 0 serves to add
PSG initialization specs first time around
1010 RESTORE
1020 FOR N=1 TO NB :READ A :NEXT N :REM Dummy READS
1030 FOR N=1 TO MB :READ A :NEXT N
1040 FOR N=1 TO 8 :REM Initial values for array--presets
1050 FOR J=0 TO 2
1060 READ A$(N,J)
1070 NEXT J,N
1080 K=VARPTR(A$(0,0))
1090 IF K=<0 THEN K1=65536+K ELSE K1=K
1100 PRINT " Array starts at", :PRINT K, K1 :PRINT
1110 M=CINT(K1/256) :L=K1-M*256
1120 POKE -8201,M :POKE -8202,L
1130 U0=USR1(A)
1140 GOTO 860 :REM Loop back to PLAYBK driver
1150 REM INITIAL SETTINGS OF PSG'S
1160 DATA 248,7,56 :REM Enable tones on all PSGs
1170 DATA 240,13,13 :REM Envelope shape/cycle = sustain on all but Center
PSG
1180 DATA 8,13,15 :REM Envelope shape/cycle = single pulse for Center PSG
1190 DATA 240,12,80 :REM Envelope Coarse = 80, about 0.4 Hz
1200 DATA 8,12,16 :REM Envelope Coarse about 2 Hz for Center PSG
1210 DATA 248,8,16 :REM Channel A volume is envelope controlled on all PSG
S
1220 DATA 248,9,8 :REM Channel B is at half-volume
1230 DATA 248,10,4 :REM Channel C is at one-quarter volume
1240 END

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operates from an external power supply and provides low noise stereo outputs for playback through a standard stereo system. I include software drivers for playing music and for generating random notes.

#### Interfacing PSGs

Interested readers should obtain a copy of "AY-3-8910/8912 Programmable Sound Generator Data Manual" from General Instrument Corporation (Microelectronics Division, 600 West John Street, Hicksville, NY 11802). The heart of the PSG is a 16-register array that accepts information from the microprocessor data bus. Figure 1 shows a simplified diagram of the register array. Tone generation requires specifying 12 bits of data from a table of notes, so two registers are needed. PSG register 6, noise period, requires only five data bits. Register 7, enable, determines whether tone or noise or both will be output from a particular audio channel. Registers 8-10 determine audio amplitudes on a 16-step scale, or put the amplitudes under the control of an envelope. Registers 11 and 12 set the envelope period, while register 13 selects envelope shape to give a choice of several envelopes. Loading register 13, envelope shape/cycle, also triggers the attack/decay envelope. Register 14 or 15 is an auxiliary input/output port, not implemented in this application.

Before the PSG music board can accept either register address or data for latching to the PSGs, the microprocessor must first send a control word to the board. The control word is stored in its own latch and selects which combination of the three (or five) PSGs will be enabled. The three PSGs are arranged in a stereo spectrum: left, right and center. The control word, using a three-bit code, also requests a note duration from the metronome.

Next the PSG music board accepts two words from the microprocessor: the first one selects, or addresses, one of the 16 PSG registers (register address in Fig. 1); the second one stores the data in the selected register (bidirectional buffers in Fig. 1). Whether a word is latched as a control word, PSG register address or PSG data is determined by input/output port assignment, as shown in Fig. 2.

The control word is latched by the OUT 0 command. The most significant five bits select one or more PSGs. You may use bits D4 and D5 for easy expansion to five PSGs; the additional PSGs could be placed at left-center and right-center of the stereo spectrum. Alternatively, you can use these data bits to trigger, or select, external devices

# The Scott Adams Adventure Series AN OVERVIEW



I stood at the bottom of a deep chasm. Cool air sliding down the sides of the crevasse hit waves of heat rising from a stream of bubbling lava and formed a mist over the sluggish flow. Through the swirling clouds I caught glimpses of two ledges high above me: one was bricked, the other appeared to lead to the throne room I had been seeking.

A blast of fresh air cleared the mist near my feet and like a single gravestone a broken sign appeared momentarily. A dull gleam of gold showed at the base of the sign before being swallowed up by the fog again. From the distance came the angry buzz of the killer bees. Could I avoid their lethal stings as I had managed to escape the wrath of the dragon? Reading the sign might give me a clue to the dangers of this pit.

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For the user, playing Adventure is a dangerous or risky undertaking in that you better be prepared to spend many addictive hours at the keyboard. If you like challenges, surprises, humor and being transported to other worlds, these are the games for you. If you dislike being forced to use your common sense and imagination, or you frustrate easily, try them anyway.

In beginning any Adventure, you will find yourself in a specific location: a forest, on board a small spaceship, outside a fun house, in the briefing room of a nuclear plant, in a desert, etc.

By using two-word commands you move from location to location, manipulate objects that you find in the different places, and perform actions as if you were really there. The object of a game is to amass treasure for points or accomplish some other goal. Successfully completing a game, however, is far easier to state than achieve. In many cases you will find a treasure but be unable to take it until you are carrying the right combination of objects you find in the various locations.

How do you know which objects you need? Trial and error, logic and imagination. Each time you try some action, you learn a little more about the game. Which brings us to the term "game" again. While called games, Adventures are actually puzzles because you have to discover which way the pieces (actions, manipulations, use of magic words, etc.) fit together in order to gather your treasures or accomplish the mission. Like a puzzle, there are a number of ways to fit the pieces together; players who have found and stored all the treasures (there are 13) of Adventure #1 may have done so in different ways.

In finding how the pieces fit, you will be forced to deal with unexpected events, apparent dead ends and Scott's humor, which is one of the best parts of the puzzles.

If you run into a barrier like not being able to discover more rooms, don't give up. Play the game with some friends; sometimes they'll think of things you haven't tried.

While I pondered how to reach the throne room — which I was sure contained the treasures of Croesus — the fog grew thicker and the hours passed. I realized I would not be able to outwit Adams today...but maybe tomorrow. I marked my present location on my tattered map and began the long trip to the surface. As I dragged myself off to bed, I thought about other possible Adventures.

But enough for tonight. Tomorrow — another crack at the chasm.

—by Ken Mazur

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like a triplet metronome, for example. The least significant three bits, D0-D2, are a code for the note duration requested from the metronome, as listed in Fig. 3.

IN 0 is the status of the hardware metronome. It can have one of two values that must be continually tested in a wait loop by the software while the previous note is

played. The computer spends most of its time in the wait loop. If the value at the input port is no longer equal to 255, then the previous note has ended and PSG registers can be updated to begin the next note. The first entry in updating is the control word via the OUT 0 command, which resets the metronome status to 255.

The OUT 1 command is the address latch for selected PSGs. It is equivalent to bus control 1 (BC1), described in the PSG Data Manual. As implemented in the music board, the microprocessor can address PSG registers 0-13. OUT 2 next latches actual data into the selected register. Whenever an OUT 1 or OUT 2 signal is received, the music board sends the required bus direction (BDIR) signal to the PSGs, as described in the manual. This assures that the data on the microprocessor bus gets latched by the bidirectional buffers of Fig. 1. Finally, OUT 4 is a RESET signal that sets

### Program Listing 2

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00100 ;      ** PLAYBK **
00110 ; FAST PLAYBACK FOR PROGRAMMABLE SOUND GENERATORS
00120 ; SYNCHRONIZING ON WHOLE NOTE IMPLEMENTED
00130 ; TABLE OF ENVELOPE SHAPE/CYCLES IMPLEMENTED
00140 ;      MATT. ROBINS, 6/9/81
00150
E000      00160      ORG      0E000H      ;= 57344 OR -8192
DFF0      00170 CWORD      EQU      S-11H ;CONTROL WORD STORAGE
DFF0      00180 CND        EQU      S-10H ;CURRENT NOTE DURATION
DFF1      00190 LENV        EQU      S-0FH ;ENV. SHAPE/CYCLE, LEFT
DFF2      00200 RENV        EQU      S-0EH ;      RIGHT
DFF3      00210 LCENV       EQU      S-0DH ;      LEFT-CENTER
DFF4      00220 RCENV       EQU      S-0CH ;      RIGHT-CENTER
DFF5      00230 CENV        EQU      S-0BH ;      CENTER
DFF6      00240 KLSB        EQU      S-0AH ;K=VARPTR(A(0,0)), POKED
DFF9      00250 FL          EQU      S-7   ;FIRST TIME THROUGH FLAG
DFFA      00260 K2          EQU      S-6   ;=K+(N+1)*2, ADDR. OF A(0,1)
DFFC      00270 K4          EQU      S-4   ;=K+(N+1)*4, ADDR. OF A(0,2)
DFFE      00280 NOTES      EQU      S-2   ;ACTUAL NUMBER OF NOTES

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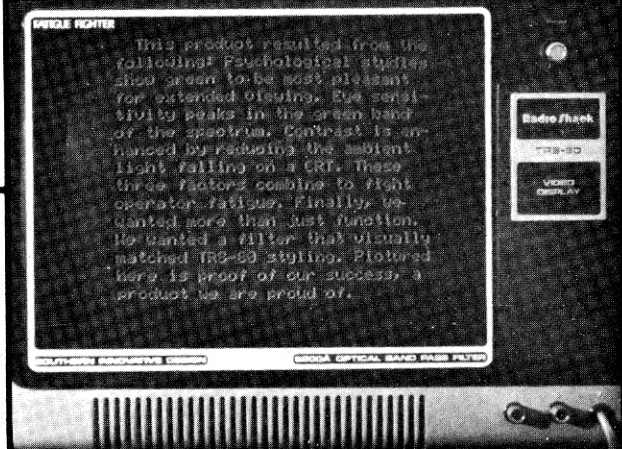
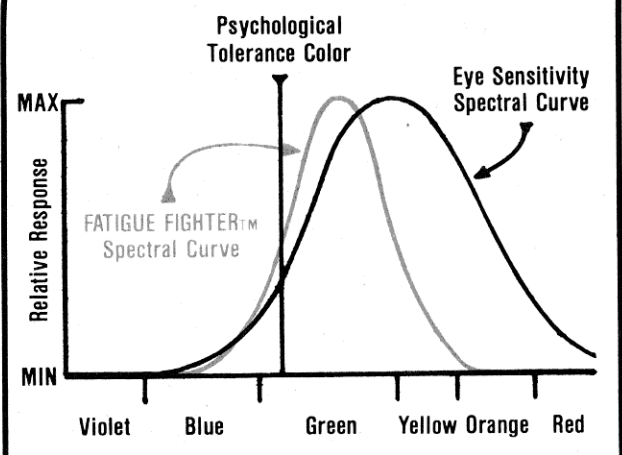
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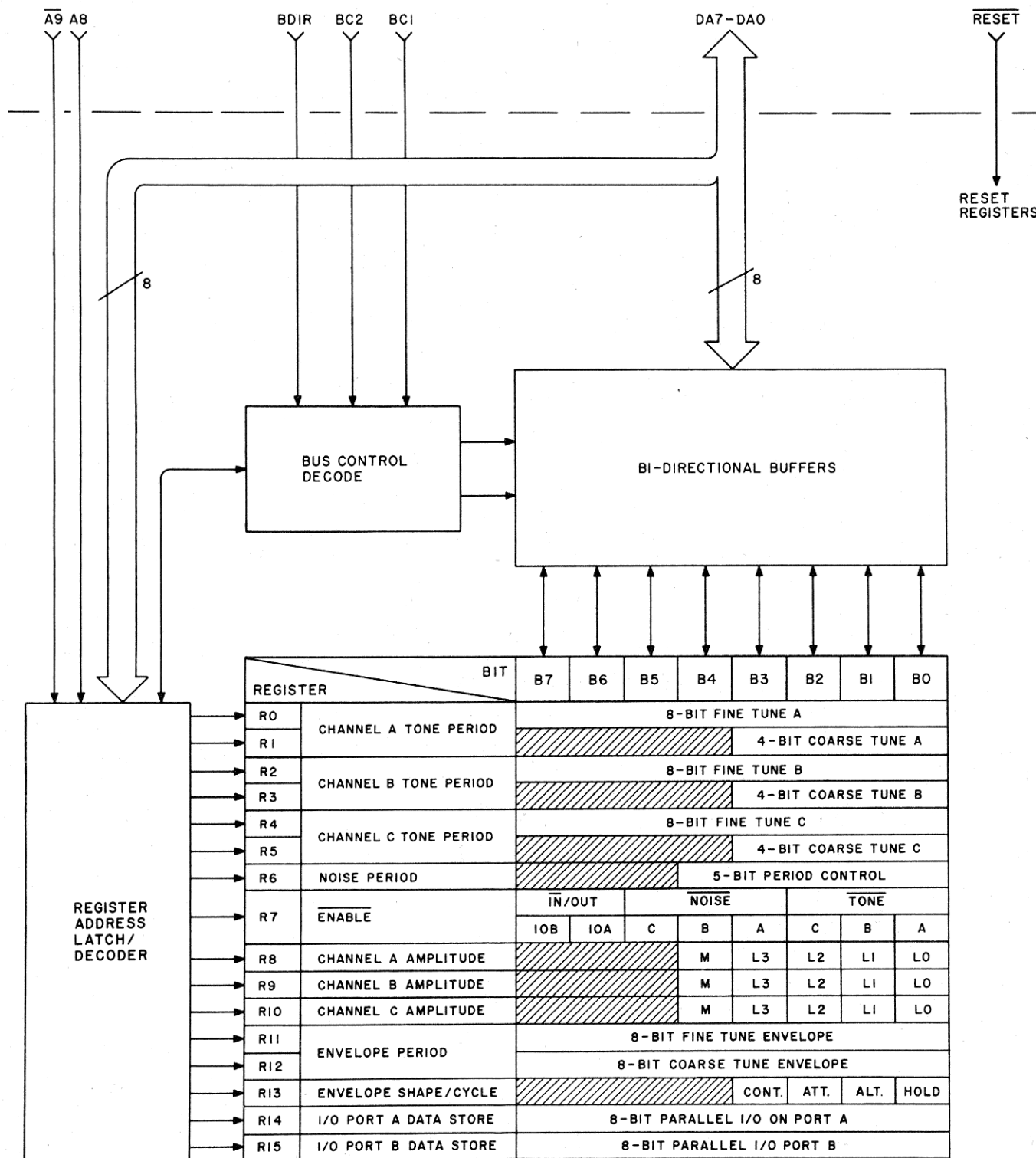


Fig. 1. Internal registers of PSGs. All register numbers in decimal.



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## "Before any sounds can be produced you must enter certain presets."

all values of data in the PSG to zero. The actual value output by the computer via OUT 4 does not matter.

A special feature of the music board is its unique hardware metronome. Inclusion of a hardware metronome simplifies the software necessary for encoding music. The metronome has an adjustable trimpot for manually presetting the metronome rate. A flashing LED gives a visual indication of quarter notes, or metronome beats. Actual note duration is software selected and encoded in the least significant three bits of the control word, as Fig. 3 shows. For entering a musical score, you can use the metronome in several ways:

- To count time in the shortest units needed for a particular musical selection, for example 64th notes, with the software keeping a tally of notes.

- With certain limitations, the metronome can count all the note durations, and you need encode only simultaneous notes in terms of the smallest note durations.

You can bypass the metronome altogether if the software never tests the value of IN 0, or temporarily if software decodes 000 not as 128th notes but as Static or no advance of the metronome—governed by last note duration. This gives simultaneous notes or chords, wherein only the first of several simultaneous notes is encoded with the (shortest necessary) note duration, and the remaining notes have a 000 code. Bypassing the metronome is also useful for inputting initial PSG specs—presetting the PSGs—at the beginning of a musical selection.

If you use the metronome to keep track of all notes, a slight complication occurs whenever different PSGs are selected for the two or more simultaneous notes. Software must keep track of the current note duration for the first note and re-output the control word for subsequent Static notes, using saved current note duration (but different PSG select) instead of the 000 code. In other words, the 000 code is never output to the metronome; software always appends the current note duration code to all simultaneous notes.

### Circuit Description

Figure 4 shows the schematic of the music board. The clock circuitry is from the PSG Data Manual. It contains a popular color burst crystal in a standard tank circuit. The crystal's fundamental frequency is divided by two by Z2A, a 74LS74 flip-flop. The resultant frequency of 1.7897725 MHz is supplied to each PSG, where it is divided down to produce tones and noise, and to

### Program Listing 2 Continued

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                                00290      ; = A(0,0) FROM BASIC
                                00300      ; OR RNDM PROGRAM
                                00310 ;
E000 D304      00320      OUT      (4),A      ; RESET PSG'S
E002 3E07      00330      LD        A,7        ; INITIALIZE CND WITH A
E004 32F0DF     00340      LD        (CND),A     ; WHOLE NOTE
E007 DD2AF6DF   00350      LD        IX,(KLSB)   ; ADDRESS OF A(0,0)
E00B DD4E00     00360      LD        C,(IX)      ; ACTUAL NUMBER OF NOTES
E00E DD4E01     00370      LD        B,(IX+1)    ; = A(0,0)
E011 ED43FEDF   00380      LD        (NOTES),BC  ; SAVE IN DATA TABLE
E015 DD6EFE     00390      LD        L,(IX-2)    ; DEPTH OF 1ST ARRAY DIM.
E018 DD66FF     00400      LD        H,(IX-1)    ; FROM K-2 OF VARPTR
E01B 29         00410      ADD      HL,HL       ; CALCULATE K2
E01C E5         00420      PUSH     HL
E01D D1         00430      POP      DE
E01E DD19       00440      ADD      IX,DE       ; IX STILL CONTAINS (KLSB)
E020 DD22FADF   00450      LD        (K2),IX    ; SAVE IN DATA TABLE
E024 29         00460      ADD      HL,HL       ; CALCULATE K4
E025 E5         00470      PUSH     HL
E026 D1         00480      POP      DE
E027 DD2AF6DF   00490      LD        IX,(KLSB)   ; ADDRESS OF A(0,0)
E02B DD19       00500      ADD      IX,DE
E02D DD22FCDF   00510      LD        (K4),IX    ; SAVE IN DATA TABLE
E031 010200     00520      LD        BC,2       ; INITIAL VALUE FOR LOOP
                                00530      ; BC=ARRAY INDEX TIMES TWO
                                00540      ; IF INITIAL PRESETS ARE STATIC (000 CODE FOR THE METRONOME)
                                00550      ; THEN WHOLE NOTE IN (CND) IS APPENDED TO EACH CONTROL WORD
E034 2AF6DF     00560      LD        HL,(KLSB)   ; CALCULATE ARRAY POINTER
E037 09         00570      ADD      HL,BC
E038 7E         00580      LD        A,(HL)
E039 32EFDFF    00590      LD        (CWORD),A   ; POINT TO A(N,0)
E03C E607       00600      AND      7           ; ENTER INTO TABLE
E03E 2B0C       00610      JR        Z,STATIC    ; TEST FOR STATIC
E040 32F0DF     00620      LD        (CND),A     ; 000 IN BITS 0, 1 AND 2
                                00630      ; THE WAIT LOOP HOLDS BACK NEW NOTE UNTILL PREVIOUS NOTE HAS EXPIRED.
E043 DB00       00640      INLOOP IN      A,(0)   ; HARDWARE INPUT LOOP
E045 FEFF       00650      CP        0FFH
E047 28FA       00660      JR        Z,INLOOP    ; LOOP IF NOT READY
E049 7E         00670      LD        A,(HL)
E04A 1804       00680      JR        OUTPUT     ; RELOAD A(N,0)
E04C 3AF0DF     00690      LD        A,(CND)     ; LOOK UP CURRENT NOTE DUR.
E04F 86         00700      ADD      A,(HL)
E050 D300       00710      OUTPUT OUT      (0),A   ; APPEND IT TO STATIC
                                00720      ; THE HARDWARE METRONOME IS BEING REPEATEDLY LOADED WITH
                                00730      ; CURRENT NOTE DURATION FOR STATIC (SIMULTANEOUS) NOTES
                                00740      ;
                                00750      ; CALCULATE ARRAY INDEX FOR PSG ADDRESS SPECIFICATIONS
E052 2AFADF     00760      LD        HL,(K2)
E055 09         00770      ADD      HL,BC
E056 7E         00780      LD        A,(HL)
E057 FE01       00790      CP        1
E059 2826       00800      JR        Z,DOUBLE   ; = A(N,1)
E05B FE03       00810      CP        3
E05D 2822       00820      JR        Z,DOUBLE   ; TEST FOR DOUBLE
E05F FE05       00830      CP        5
E061 281E       00840      JR        Z,DOUBLE   ; PSG REGISTERS
                                00850      ; TEST FOR PSG REG. 13, ENVELOPE SHAPE/CYCLE
E063 FE0D       00860      CP        13
E065 2836       00870      JR        Z,ESC      ; PSG REG. 13?
                                00880      ; FOR FURTHER PROCESSING
E067 D301       00890      OUT      (1),A       ; OUTPUT ADDRESS FOR ANY
                                00900      ; OTHER SINGLE PSG REG.
E069 FE06       00910      ; TEST WHETHER JUST ADDRESSED PSG REG. 6, NOISE PERIOD,
                                00920      ; WHICH MUST TRIGGER ENVELOPE SHAPE/CYCLE AUTOMATICALLY
                                00930      CP        6
                                00940      ; CALCULATE POINTER TO ARRAY MEMBER CONTAINING PSG DATA

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Program Listing 2 Continues

		D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
OUT 0	Control Word.	L	R	X	X	C	note duration		
	A 1 selects, a 0 deselects a left, right or center PGS.								
	X = does not matter (reserved for left-center and right-center PSG).								
IN 0	Status of Hardware Metronome.								
	Previous note still active:	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Previous note has ended:	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
OUT 1	Address Latch for selected PSGs.								
	PSG register 0:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	through register 13:	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
OUT 2	Data Latch for PSGs.								
	Data range: 0-255, as required.								
OUT 4	Reset all PSGs. Sets all values of data to zero.								
	The actual value output via OUT 4 does not matter.								

Fig. 2. Input/output port assignment



## “In line 13, three simultaneous notes can be triggered . . .”

advance envelopes.

Z6, Z7 and Z8 decode the address bus for port mapping. Z3 and Z4 gate the microprocessor IN and OUT signals to give the port assignment listed in Fig. 2. The microprocessor data bus is connected to each PSG as well as to Z9, a 74LS374 Latch. Z9 stores the control word that enables PSGs and latches a request onto the metronome.

The hardware metronome relies on Z13, a 555 timer, to provide the clock. A manual trimpot for adjusting metronome beats is connected to Z13. Timer output goes to two cascaded binary counters, Z11 and Z12. The eight binary outputs are applied to Z10, a 74LS151 One-of-eight Data Selector. A three bit code latched to the address inputs of Z10 will select one of the eight counter lines. The selected line will appear at pin 6 of Z10, for analysis by edge detector circuitry utilizing a CMOS 4070 Exclusive-Or gate, Z5.

A change of state, that is either a positive or negative transition, indicates the end of a particular note. The edge detector converts this transition to a short positive-going pulse which is applied to Z2b, a 74LS74 flip-flop that is armed by an OUT 0 command. Once armed, additional OUT 0 signals have no effect, and the flip-flop output stays positive until it receives the edge detector pulse. Thereupon the output goes low, permitting gate Z4 to output a high level signal to transistor Q1 if an IN 0 signal is received, as during the software wait loop. The 2N3904 npn transistor Q1 is wired in an open-collector configuration; a high level applied to its base will give a true low at microprocessor data bit D0, whereas a low level on its base will give a high-impedance output that does not affect the data bus. In response to an IN 0 command, the data will yield 254 if D0 is at logic level low, and 255 if D0 is at high impedance.

The LED is connected to the counter line for eighth notes. This gives a short flash every quarter note.

The nine-voice PSG music board draws

D2	D1	D0	
1	1	1	= Whole note
1	1	0	= Half note
1	0	1	= Quarter note
1	0	0	= Eighth note
0	1	1	= 16th note
0	1	0	= 32nd note
0	0	1	= 64th note
0	0	0	= 128th note (or Static—no advance)

Fig. 3. Metronome codes

about 250 mA at 5 VDC. This can be conveniently obtained from an AC Adaptor such as the Radio Shack Cat. No. 270-1551, 300 mA at 9 VDC, plugged into the voltage regulating circuit shown on the schematic of Fig. 4. If you expand the music board to 15 voices, or five PSGs, the power supply will have to be larger because each PSG chip draws 45-75 mA. Expanding the music board to 15 voices is straightforward; it involves connecting the unused outputs of Z9 to A8 of each PSG: D4 for right-center and D5 for left-center PSG, and employing a five to two stereo mixer such as that shown in Fig. 5. Encoding of 15 voices will require more RAM. A 48K TRS-80 will accommodate a 5-10 minute multi-part musical score, played at average tempo.

The parts list is given in Fig. 6. The finished nine-voice PSG music board is shown in Photo 1, wire wrapped on a Vector board.

### Metronome Limitations

If you use the metronome to count only the shortest time intervals necessary for a particular selection, say 64th notes, the considerations below do not apply. However, if you use the metronome to count all the notes of a selection, some limitations apply: you must break certain sequences of notes down into proper elements to assure correct counting.

Fig. 7 is a partial timing diagram showing how the different note-duration outputs are available from the metronome simultaneously. The diagram applies to the 74LS93 binary counters used in the metronome's construction. The metronome always counts between transitions, either positive or negative. For example, if you start on the plateau of a quarter note followed by an eighth note, time proceeds along the

quarter note plateau until the first transition is encountered; then the metronome jumps to the output labeled eighth note and proceeds along this plateau until the next transition. For any transition, the IN 0 value will not be equal to 255, so that software can load the next series of specifications.

Certain note sequences must be programmed in time units that the metronome can handle without error. Fig. 8 shows two examples. In general, if a short, syncopated note precedes a longer note, you must break up the longer note into shorter tied notes. In actual programming this rarely occurs; moreover, the reverse—longer note followed by much shorter notes—gives no problem.

You should synchronize the metronome with the longest note possible, by outputting a whole note rest before the musical selection begins. This will assure that all note outputs are initially at a low logic level, and that the metronome will begin counting on the downbeat.

### Testing and Programming

After performing continuity tests and inserting the ICs, you can obtain some sounds from the music board. The easiest approach is to enter from the keyboard a series of OUT 0, OUT 1 and OUT 2 statements for the control word, PSG register address and PSG data respectively, as shown in the example of Fig. 9. Before any sounds can be produced, you must enter certain presets, such as those in lines 1-3. After a note is specified, as in lines 4 and 5, the envelope must be triggered by addressing PSG register 13, envelope shape/cycle. Since line 3 selected envelope control, a note will not be struck unless PSG register

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13 is addressed. In line 13, three simultaneous notes can be triggered this way.

The simple example above makes no use of the metronome, since no software was

employed to analyze the metronome code or to sample IN 0, the metronome status port. Shortly, I will discuss a PLAYBK driver which will accept a three-dimensional array

similar to the one shown on Fig. 9, but with several simplifications. The following points summarize the requirements for a three-dimensional integer array A%(X,2):

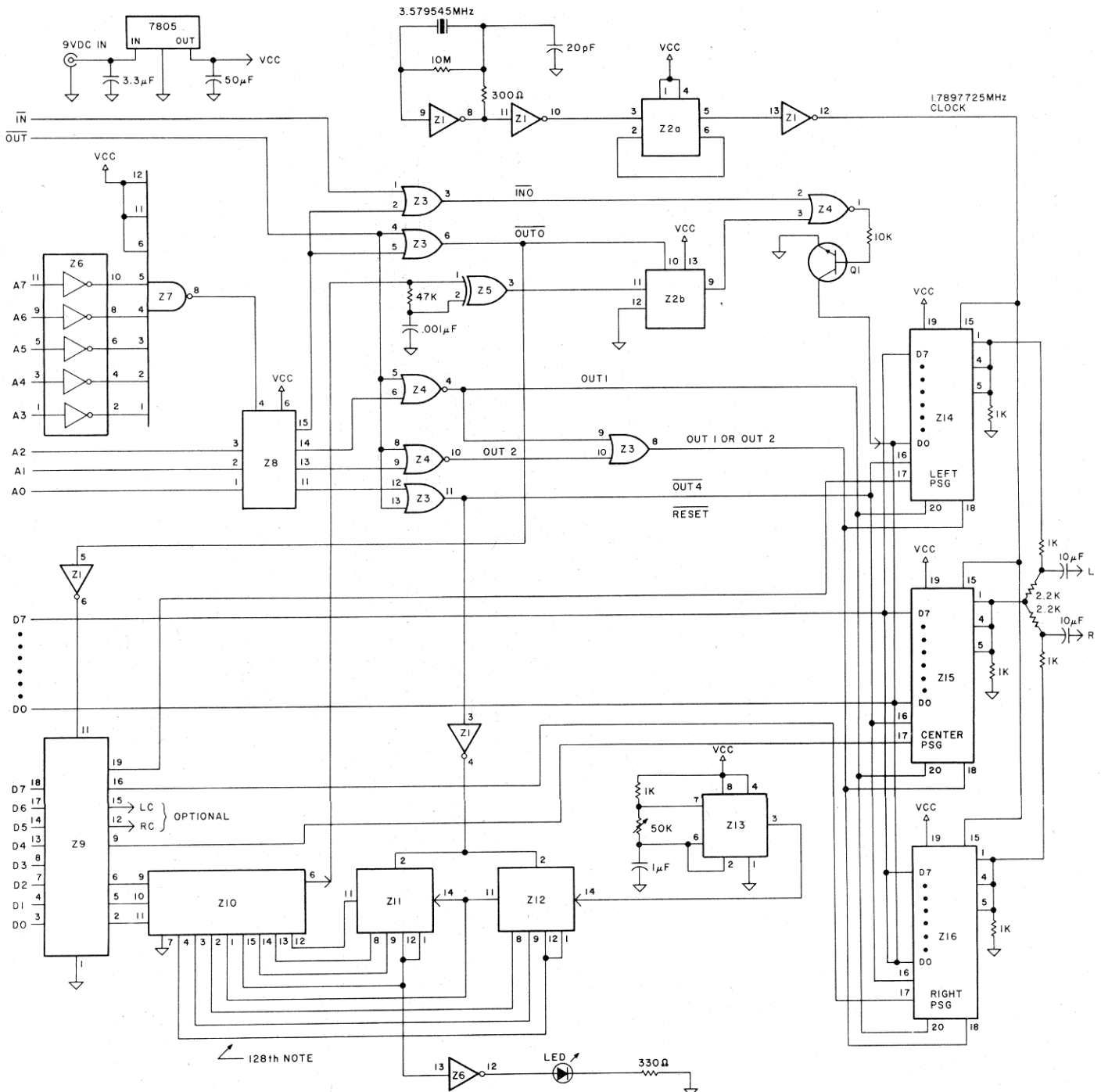
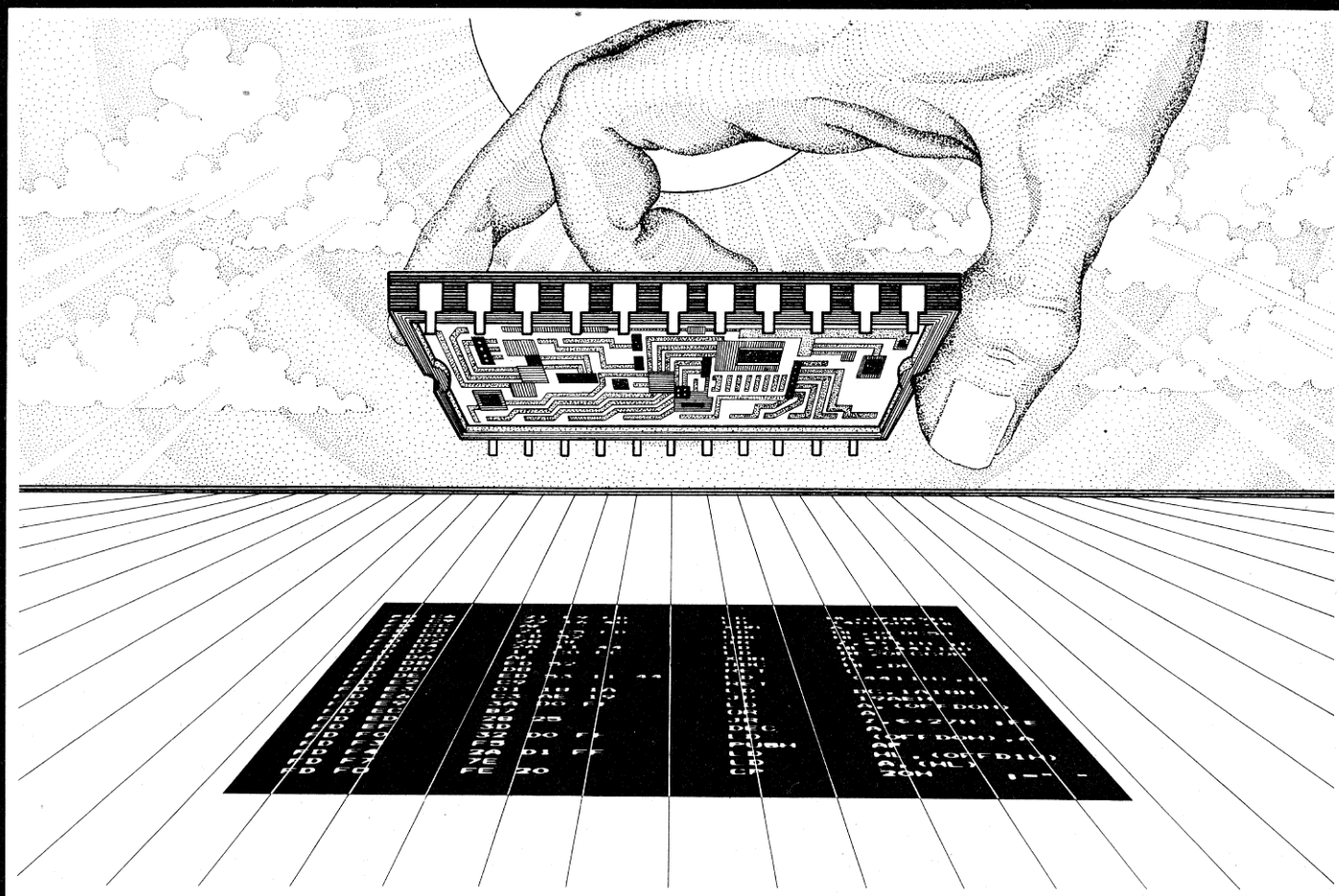


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- The three dimensions are assigned as follows:  $A\%(N,0)$  = control word;  $A\%(N,1)$  = PSG register address; and  $A\%(N,2)$  = PSG data.
- $A\%(0,0)$  contains the number of notes to be played.  $A\%(0,1)$  and  $A\%(0,2)$  are unnecessary although they may be used for identification.
- The PLAYBK driver automatically performs double loads to the tone-generat-

ing PSG registers. Only the MSB registers 1, 3 or 5 need to be addressed via  $A\%(N,1)$ ; the corresponding  $A\%(N,2)$  should contain the entire code for the desired note frequency.

- The driver automatically triggers PSG register 13, envelope shape/cycle, whenever a note is to be output (registers 1, 3 or 5) or whenever PSG register 6, noise period, is loaded.

• The driver does not execute any data sent to PSG register 13, envelope shape/cycle, but stores them in a lookup table. The most current values in the table trigger notes and noise automatically.

- You enter the score from left to right, in a "parallel" fashion, similar to the way a keyboardist would play a score.

• The first of simultaneous notes requires a metronome code that reflects the *shortest* of the simultaneous notes. The other notes, including the shortest ones, use 000 for the code. Thus only the shortest time intervals are encoded explicitly; the longer notes will sustain automatically until reloaded.

- You can obtain tied notes by temporarily outputting an appropriately different envelope period, and reloading the usual envelope period afterwards.

- You can obtain rests by turning off a particular channel: temporarily load its amplitude register with 0000, and then reload it with the usual value afterwards.

These specifications are sufficient to encode a complicated multi-part score, but it is a time consuming task for anything but short selections.

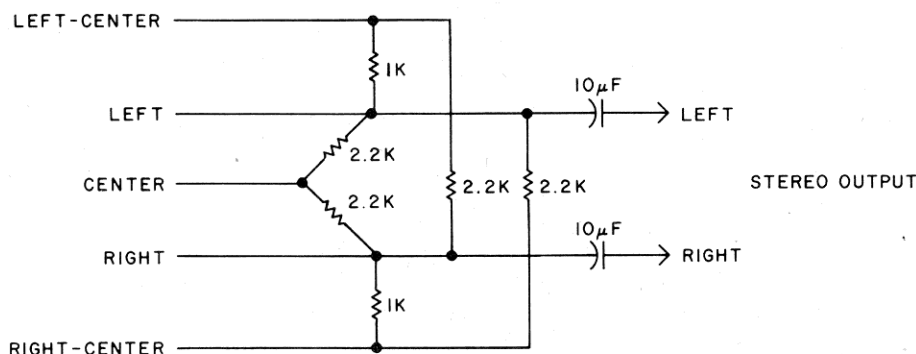


Fig. 5. Stereo mixer for a 15-voice PSG music board

IC	Type	Vcc	GND
Z1	4069UB	14	7
Z2	74LS74	14	7
Z3	74LS32	14	7
Z4	74LS02	14	7
Z5	4070B	14	7
Z6	74LS04	14	7
Z7	74LS30	14	7
Z8	74LS138	14	7
Z9	74LS374	10	20
Z10	74LS151	16	8
Z11, Z12	74LS93	14	7
Z13	555	8	4
Z14, Z15, Z16	AY-3-8912	3	6

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2	Tantalum caps, 10µF
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1 RS 274-332	Audio jacks, dual
1 RS 270-1551	Power supply, 9V at 300 mA
1 Switchcraft 722A	Power supply jack (small pin)

Fig. 6. Parts list for nine-voice PSG music board

## Software

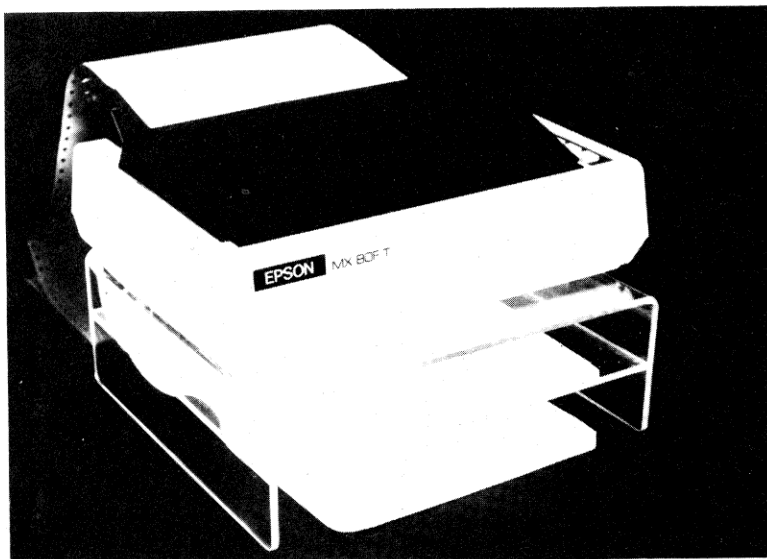
Program Listing 1 shows a short Basic calling program and two machine-language drivers, PLAYBK and RNDM, encoded in Data statements. The Basic program transmits two variables to the USR subroutines: a flag to prevent reinitializing certain values, and VARPTR of  $A\%(0,0)$ , the first member of the three-dimensional integer array containing the notes. The PLAYBK driver also needs the value of  $A\%(0,0)$ , the actual number of notes, so it is defined in line 840 of Listing 1. Initializing certain variables in line 70 prevents the array from being dynamically relocated by the Basic interpreter after the first loop through the program, and may be omitted.

Program Listing 2 is an EDTASM source file for the PLAYBK driver. It accepts the three-dimensional array from Basic and sends the proper sequence of PSG addresses and data to the output ports, as well as reads the metronome status via an input port, as specified in Fig. 2.

At top of PLAYBK is a data table with 12 entries. Five of these are envelope shape/cycle specifications for PSG register 13. These are output automatically after notes or noise, because they trigger the envelopes. Data table entries K2, K4 and Notes are calculated array parameters. Program lines 350-510 perform these calculations.



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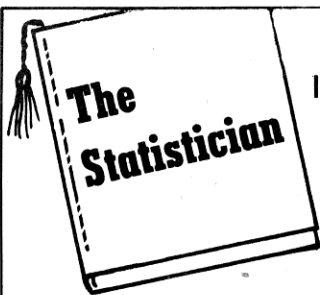
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*"The wait loop prevents the output until the metronome status indicates that previous note has ended."*

#### Program Listing 2 Continued

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E06B 2AFCD 00950 LD HL,(K4) ;FROM DATA TABLE
E06E 09 00960 ADD HL,BC ;POINT TO A(N,2)
E06F 7E 00970 LD A,(HL) ;= A(N,2)
E070 D302 00980 OUT (2),A ;OUTPUT PSG DATA
E072 CCD1E0 00990 CALL Z,TRIGG ;FROM CP 6 INSTRUCTION
; CONTINUE PROCESSING ARRAY IF NOT AT END
E075 03 01010 INC BC ;ADVANCE ARRAY POINTER
E076 03 01020 INC BC ; BY TWO (INTEGER ARRAY)
E077 2AFEDF 01030 LD HL,(NOTES) ;NUMBER OF NOTES
E07A 29 01040 ADD HL,HL ;DOUBLE IT
E07B AF 01050 XOR A ;CLEAR CARRY
E07C ED42 01060 SBC HL,BC ;END OF ARRAY?
E07E 20B4 01070 JR NZ,LOOP
E080 C9 01080 RETURN RET ;BACK TO BASIC
; A CONTAINS PSG REGISTER NUMBER 1,3, OR 5
E081 D301 01100 DOUBLE OUT (1),A ;=A(N,1) OUTPUT PSG REG. NO.
E083 5F 01110 LD E,A ;SAVE A IN E FOR DECREMENT.
E084 DD2AFCD 01120 LD IX,(K4) ;FROM DATA TABLE
E088 DD09 01130 ADD IX,BC ;BC=ARRAY POINTER
E08A DD7E01 01140 LD A,(IX+1) ;= A(N,2), MSB DATA
E08D D302 01150 OUT (2),A ;OUTPUT MSB DATA
E08F 1D 01160 DEC E ;POINT TO LSB REG. NO.
E090 7B 01170 LD A,E ;A=PSG REG. NO. 0, 2 OR 4
E091 D301 01180 OUT (1),A ;OUTPUT PSG REGISTER NO.
E093 DD7E00 01190 LD A,(IX) ;= A(N,2), LSB DATA
E096 D302 01200 OUT (2),A ;OUTPUT LSB DATA
E098 CCD1E0 01210 CALL TRIGG ;TRIGGER ENVELOPE
E09B 18D8 01220 JR CONT ;CONTINUE
;
; ROUTINE TO ENTER ENVELOPE SHAPE/CYCLE INTO TABLE
; FOR SUBSEQUENT AUTOMATIC OUTPUT WITH NOISE OR TONES
E09D 3AEFD 01260 ESC LD A,(CWORD) ;CURRENT CONTROL WORD
E0A0 5F 01270 LD E,A ;INTO E
E0A1 2AFCD 01280 LD HL,(K4) ;CALCULATE A(N,2)=DATA
E0A4 09 01290 ADD HL,BC
E0A5 7E 01300 LD A,(HL) ;= A(N,2)
E0A6 FD21FD 01310 LD IX,LENV ;POINT TO TOP OF TABLE
E0AA CB7B 01320 BIT 7,E ;TEST WHETHER LEFT PSG
; WAS SELECTED
E0AC CDC6E0 01340 CALL FILL ;UPDATE TABLE IF NECESS.
E0AF CB73 01350 BIT 6,E ;RIGHT PSG SELECTED?
E0B1 CDC6E0 01360 CALL FILL ;LEFT-CENTER?
E0B4 CB6B 01370 BIT 5,E ;RIGHT-CENTER?
E0B6 CDC6E0 01380 CALL FILL ;LEFT-CENTER?
E0B9 CB63 01390 BIT 4,E ;RIGHT-CENTER?
E0BB CDC6E0 01400 CALL FILL ;CENTER PSG?
E0BE CB5B 01410 BIT 3,E ;CENTER PSG?
E0C0 CDC6E0 01420 CALL FILL ;BACK TO LOOP
E0C3 C375E0 01430 JP CONT
;
E0C6 2003 01450 FILL JR NZ,SET ;JP IF BIT SET
E0C8 FD23 01460 INC IX ;TABLE POINTER
E0CA C9 01470 RET ;TO ROUTINE
E0CB FD7700 01480 SET LD (IX),A ;UPDATE TABLE ENTRY
E0CE FD23 01490 INC IX ;TO ROUTINE
E0D0 C9 01500 RET ;TO ROUTINE
;
; SUBROUTINE TO TRIGGER ENVELOPES USING TABLE ENTRIES
; PROPER ENVELOPE SHAPE/CYCLE IS OUTPUT TO EACH PSG
E0D1 FD21FD 01540 TRIGG LD IX,LENV ;POINT TO TOP OF TABLE
E0D5 3AEFD 01550 LD A,(CWORD) ;CURRENT CONTROL WORD
E0D8 5F 01560 LD E,A ;INTO E
E0D9 CB7B 01570 BIT 7,E ;LEFT PSG SELECTED?
E0DB 1600 01580 LD D,80H ;= 10000000
E0DD CDFDE0 01590 CALL EXAM ;EXAMINE IT
E0E0 CB73 01600 BIT 6,E ;RIGHT PSG?
E0E2 1640 01610 LD D,40H ;= 10000000
E0E4 CDFDE0 01620 CALL EXAM ;LEFT-CENTER PSG?
E0E7 CB6B 01630 BIT 5,E ;= 00100000
E0E9 1620 01640 LD D,20H ;RIGHT-CENTER PSG?
E0EB CDFDE0 01650 CALL EXAM ;= 00010000
E0EE CB63 01660 BIT 4,E ;RIGHT-CENTER PSG?
E0F0 1610 01670 LD D,10H ;= 00001000
E0F2 CDFDE0 01680 CALL EXAM ;CENTER PSG?
E0F5 CB5B 01690 BIT 3,E ;= 00001000
E0F7 1608 01700 LD D,8 ;TO CALLING PROGRAM
E0F9 CDFDE0 01710 CALL EXAM
E0FC C9 01720 RET
;
E0FD 2003 01740 EXAM JR NZ,HIGH ;IF BIT SET
E0FF FD23 01750 INC IX ;ADVANCE TABLE POINTER
E101 C9 01760 RET ;TO SUBROUTINE
; MUST APPEND CND TO ANY CONTROL WORD FOR THE METRONOME
E102 3AF0DF 01780 HIGH LD A,(CND) ;FROM TABLE
E105 82 01790 ADD A,D ;APPEND CND TO SINGLE
; PSG SELECT IN D
E106 D300 01810 OUT (0),A ;OUTPUT CONTROL WORD
; FOR SINGLE PSG
E108 3E0D 01830 LD A,13 ;PSG REG. 13
E10A D301 01840 OUT (1),A ;ADDRESS IT
E10C FD7E00 01850 LD A,(IX) ;GET PROPER ENV. SHAPE
E10F D302 01860 OUT (2),A ;OUTPUT IT AS DATA TO PSG
E111 FD23 01870 INC IX ;POINT TO NEXT TABLE ENTRY
E113 C9 01880 RET ;TO SUBROUTINE
0000 01890 END
00000 TOTAL ERRORS

```



*"The random number generator  
may crash if too many values  
are rejected in a repeating loop."*

Current control word is stored under CWORD. The program uses it to enable the proper PSGs, after current note duration (CND), also stored in the table, is appended

to the control word. The CND is the three bit metronome code, as listed in Fig. 3, that is automatically appended for any simultaneous notes that have been encoded using

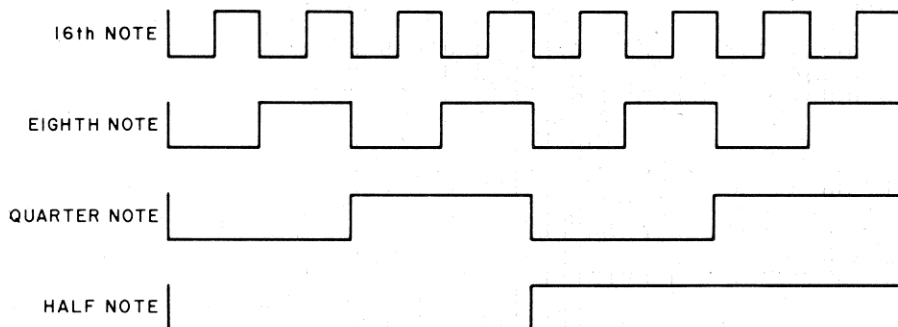


Fig. 7. Timing diagram for metronome based on 74LS93 binary counters. Only four of the eight available outputs are shown.

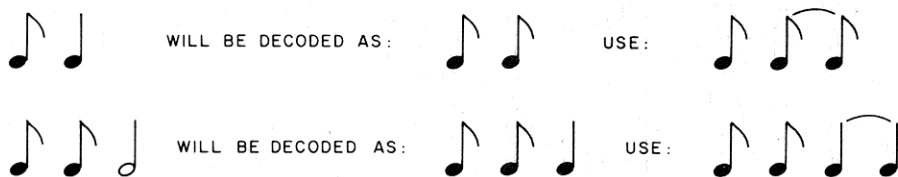


Fig. 8. Examples of note sequences that must be encoded in smaller time units

### Program Listing 3

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00100 ; ** RNDM **
00110 ; ROUTINE TO GENERATE RANDOM SOUNDS WITH DIGITAL MASKING
00120 ; MATT. ROBINS, 6/10/81
E200 00130 ORG EQU 0E200H ;=57856 OR -7680
DFEF 00140 CWORD EQU 0DFEFH ;CONTROL WORD STORAGE
DFF6 00150 KLSB EQU 0DFF6H ;ADDRESS OF A(0,0)
DFF9 00160 FL EQU 0DFF9H ;FLAG=0 FIRST TIME THROUGH
DFFA 00170 K2 EQU 0DFFAH ;ADDRESS OF A(0,1)
DFFC 00180 K4 EQU 0DFFCH ;ADDRESS OF A(0,2)
DFFE 00190 NOTES EQU 0DFFE H ;MAXIMUM NUMBER OF NOTES
00200 ;
E200 D304 00210 OUT (4),A ;RESET PSG'S
E202 3AF9DF 00220 LD A,(FL) ;TEST FLAG = 0
E205 B7 00230 OR A ; IF FIRST TIME THROUGH
E206 203F 00240 JR NZ,BYPASS ;DATA TABLE ALREADY FILLED
00250 ; ENTER INITIAL SEED FOR RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR
E208 ED5F 00260 LD A,R ;FROM REFRESH REGISTER
E20A FD2133E3 00270 LD IY,RSEED ;POINT TO RSEED
E20E FD7700 00280 LD (IY),A ;LSB
E211 ED5F 00290 LD A,R ;ANOTHER NUMBER
E213 FD7701 00300 LD (IY+1),A ;MSB
00310 ; CALCULATE PARAMETERS FOR TABLE
E216 DD2AF6DF 00320 LD IX,(KLSB) ;ADDRESS OF A(0,0)
E21A DD6EFE 00330 LD L,(IX-2) ;GET DEPTH OF 1ST DIMENSION
E21D DD66FF 00340 LD H,(IX-1) ; FROM K-2 OF VARPTR
E220 E5 00350 PUSH HL
E221 C1 00360 POP BC
E222 0B 00370 DEC BC ;CALCULATE NO. OF NOTES
00380 ; = ONE LESS THAN DEPTH
00390 ; OF FIRST DIMENSION
E223 ED43FEDF 00400 LD (NOTES),BC ;SAVE IN DATA TABLE
E227 DD7100 00410 LD (IX),C ;LOAD A(0,0) WITH MAX. NOTES
E22A DD7001 00420 LD (IX+1),B ; FOR PLAYBK ROUTINE
E22D 29 00430 ADD HL,HL ;CALCULATE K2
E22E E5 00440 PUSH HL
E22F D1 00450 POP DE
E230 DD2AF6DF 00460 LD IX,(KLSB)
E234 DD19 00470 ADD IX,DE

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*"Thus, noise period registers are treated like tone period registers."*

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E236 DD22FADF 00480 LD (K2),IX ;SAVE IN DATA TABLE
E23A 29 00490 ADD HL,HL ;CALCULATE K4
E23B E5 00500 PUSH HL
E23C D1 00510 POP DE
E23D DD2AF6DF 00520 LD IX,(KLSB)
E241 DD19 00530 ADD IX,DE
E243 DD22FCDF 00540 LD (K4),IX ;SAVE IN DATA TABLE
E247 111200 00550 BYPASS LD DE,18 ;INITIAL VALUE FOR LOOP
; FOR N=9 (PRESETS)
; FROM BASIC
00560
00570
00580 ;

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Program Listing 3 Continues

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000. Program lines 580-600 test for the presence of the 000 metronome code. If found, lines 690-700 append the CND to the control word and output it in line 710. Thus, the metronome is repeatedly loaded with the note duration given for the first of several simultaneous notes, even though different PSGs receive the simultaneous notes.

If the next note duration is not Static, code 000, the wait loop in lines 640-660 prevents the output until the metronome status indicates that previous note has ended. Once the control word with proper CND is output, the enabled PSGs are ready to receive the next two specifications: PSG address and PSG data, encoded in array members A%(N,1) and A%(N,2) respectively.

Lines 780-840 test for addresses to PSG registers 1, 3 or 5. These registers contain the most significant four bits of tone period, but the corresponding array member for PSG data will contain the entire 12-bit value that has to be separated into LSB-MSB and output to the double PSG tone period registers. A branch to Double accomplishes the double loads. Subroutine Trigg at line 1540 triggers the tones by looking up the most recent envelopes in the data table and then outputting them to PSG register 13 of the proper PSG.

Line 860 tests for an address to PSG register 13, envelope shape/cycle. Any entries to this register are not output immediately, but stored in the data table by a branch to ESC, line 1260. Finally, line 890 outputs any remaining PSG addresses, including registers 0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11. If PSG register 6 was output, as tested in line 930, subroutine Trigg is called, because a proper envelope shape has to be output whenever register 6, noise period, is addressed. Thus, noise period registers are treated like tone period registers. Line 980 outputs the actual PSG data, stored in array as A%(N,2), to any selected PSG register except 1, 3, 5, 6 or 13.

Lines 1010-1070 advance array pointers and test whether all notes have been played. If so, line 1080 returns to the Basic calling program.

Program Listing 3 is the random note array generating routine, or RNDM. It creates a three-dimensional integer array. At the top of the listing is a data table that is shared with PLAYBK. First time through, the routine calculates array parameters K2, K4 and Notes. In this case, Notes is the maximum number possible after dimensioning the array in the Basic program. Lines 260-300 enter a seed for the random



*"Since the PSGs use a logarithmic volume scale, the low volumes are disproportionately quiet."*

number generator RAND by reading the Z80 refresh register R.

After the first time through, the entry point to the RNDM program is at line 550. The Z80 register pair DE serves as an array index times two, since an integer array member occupies two bytes of RAM, and is initialized to a value that accommodates the initial settings entered via Data statements in Basic. Eight such presets were entered into the array in Listing 1, lines 1160-1230. The RNDM routine builds the three-dimensional array starting with the array index N=9. In line 610 of Listing 3, a call to RAND produces the first random control word that is immediately entered into the array as A%(9,0). In line 650, a call is made to RAND to obtain a PSG register address. After rejecting non-applicable registers, the random number becomes array member A%(N,1) in line 770.

Logically it would follow that a third call

to RAND would give the PSG data, array member A%(N,2). Unfortunately, such purely random data do not sound pleasant. The rest of the program performs "software filtering" to limit the randomness of some

of the entries, and thereby make the output more pleasing acoustically. You can experiment with additional filtering, bearing in mind that the random number generator may crash if too many values are rejected in

	Control word	PSG Address	PSG Data	Action
1.	11111000 = 248	7	111000 = 56	Enable tones on all PSGs.
2.	11111000 = 248	12	01010000 = 80	Envelope Coarse = 80, about 0.4 Hz.
3.	11111000 = 248	8	10000 = 16	Chan. A volume is envelope-controlled.
4.	10000000 = 128	1	1	C-4, MSB, from Left PSG.
5.	10000000 = 128	0	172 (dec)	C-4, LSB.
6.	10000000 = 128	13	0000	Envelope Shape/Cycle: long decay.
7.	01000000 = 64	1	1	E-4, MSB, from Right PSG.
8.	01000000 = 64	0	83 (dec)	E-4, LSB.
9.	01000000 = 64	13	0000	Trigger the envelope.
10.	00001000 = 8	1	1	G-4, MSB, from Center PSG.
11.	00001000 = 8	0	29 (dec)	G-4, LSB.
12.	00001000 = 8	13	0000	Trigger.
13.	11111000 = 248	13	0000	Retrigger the three notes.

Fig. 9. Sequence of OUT statements needed to play three notes and a C maj chord

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the initial seed number."*

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E24A DD2AF6DF 00590 LOOP LD IX,(KLSB) ;ADDRESS OF A(0,0)
E24E DD19 00600 ADD IX,DE ;POINT TO A(N,0)
E250 CD1FE3 00610 CALL RAND ;GET 0-255
E253 DD7700 00620 LD (IX),A ;ENTER A(N,0) INTO ARRAY
E256 DD2AFADF 00630 LD IX,(K2) ;ADDRESS OF A(0,1)
E25A DD19 00640 ADD IX,DE ;POINT TO A(N,1)
E25C CD1FE3 00650 LOOP1 CALL RAND
E25F E60F 00660 AND 15 ;MASK TO GET 0-15
E261 FE00 00670 CP 0 ;REJECT IF REG. 0, 2 OR 4
E263 2BF7 00680 JR Z,LOOP1 ; (HANDLED BY 1, 3 AND 5)
E265 FE02 00690 CP 2
E267 2BF3 00700 JR Z,LOOP1
E269 FE04 00710 CP 4
E26B 2BF7 00720 JR Z,LOOP1
E26D FE0E 00730 CP 14 ;REJECT IF REG. 14 OR 15
E26F 2BE8 00740 JR Z,LOOP1 ; (NOT USED)
E271 FE0F 00750 CP 15
E273 2BF7 00760 JR Z,LOOP1
E275 DD7700 00770 LD (IX),A ;ENTER A(N,1) INTO ARRAY
E278 DD2AFCD 00790 LD IX,(K4) ;ADDRESS OF A(0,2)
E27C DD19 00800 ADD IX,DE ;POINT TO NEXT A(N,2)
E27E FE07 00810 ; FOR PSG REG. 7, MASK OUT TWO (OR THREE) NOISE ENABLES
E280 2B02 00820 CP 7
E282 1B11 00830 JR Z,BITS6 ;NEEDS 6-BIT VALUE
E284 CD1FE3 00840 CALL RAND ;BYPASS IF NOT = 7
E287 E63F 00850 AND 3FH ;MASK TO GET 0-63
E289 4F 00860 LD C,A ;SAVE IN C
E28A E630 00870 AND 48 ;= 00110000, MASK TO TEST
E28C FE30 00880 CP 48 ; FOR A "1" IN BITS 4 & 5
E28E 2B02 00890 ; A 56 INSTEAD OF 48 WOULD TURN OFF ALL NOISE CHANNELS
E290 1BF2 00900 JR Z,EQUAL ;MUST EQUAL 11XXXX
E292 79 00910 LD A,C ;NOT EQUAL
E293 1B6E 00920 JR OUT1 ;RESTORE A=0-63
E295 FE06 00930 CP 6 ;PSG REG. 6 NEEDS 5 BITS
E297 2B1E 00940 JR Z,BITS5
E299 FE0D 00950 CP 13 ;PSG REG. 13 NEEDS 4 BITS
E29B 2B21 00960 JR Z,BITS4
E29D FE08 00970 ; FOR PSG REG. 8, 9 OR 10, MASK OUT LOWEST AMPLITUDES
E29F 2B2E 00980 CP 8 ;A CONTAINS PSG REG. NO.
E2A1 FE09 00990 LD A,C
E2A3 2B2A 01000 JR Z,AMPL
E2A5 FE0A 01010 CP 10
E2A7 2B26 01020 JR Z,AMPL
E2A9 FE01 01030 ; FOR PSG DOUBLE REG. 1, 3 OR 5, ADD WEIGHTS APPROPRIATELY
E2AB 2B2D 01040 CP 1 ;AND REJECT HIGHEST NOTES IF MSB = 0
E2AD FE03 01050 JR Z,DBLE1 ;WILL GET 14-3583
E2AF 2B37 01060 CP 3
E2B1 FE05 01070 JR Z,DBLE2 ;WILL GET 14-767
E2B3 2B44 01080 CP 5
E2B5 1B49 01090 JR Z,NOMSB ;WILL GET 14-255
E2B7 CD1FE3 01100 ;DEFAULT FOR REG. 11 OR 12
E2BA E61F 01110 AND 1FH ;FOR PSG REG. 6
E2BC 1B45 01120 JR OUT1 ;0-31, 5 BITS
E2BE CD1FE3 01130 ; ELIMINATE SOME CLICKS BY REJECTING SHORT ENVELOPE
E2C1 E60F 01140 AND 1FH ;SHAPE/CYCLE CODES: 0000 THROUGH 0111, AND 1111 (BINARY)
E2C3 FE08 01150 CP 8 ;FOR PSG REG. 13
E2C5 3B02 01160 JR NC,RETEST ;0-15, 4 BITS
E2C7 1B55 01170 JR Z,BITS4 ;ELIMINATE SOME CLICKS
E2C9 FE0F 01180 CP 15 ;>= 1000 O.K., EXCEPT 1111
E2CB 2BF1 01190 JR Z,BITS4 ;GET ANOTHER
E2CD 1B34 01200 JR OUT1 ;= 1111 BINARY?
E2CF CD1FE3 01210 AMPL CALL RAND ;REJECT, SHORT CLICKS
E2D2 E61F 01220 AND 1FH ;FOR PSG REG. 8, 9 OR 10
E2D4 FE03 01230 CP 3 ;MASK TO GET 0-31
E2D6 3BF7 01240 JR C,AMPL ;REJECT LOW AMPLITUDES,
E2D8 1B29 01250 JR OUT1 ; < 3
E2DA CD1FE3 01260 DBLE1 CALL RAND ;PSG REG. 1 IS FULL-RANGE
E2DD B7 01270 OR A ;WITH H=0, TEST FOR MSB=0
E2DE 2B19 01280 JR Z,NOMSB ;IF NO MSB, REJECT HIGHEST NOTES
E2E0 E60F 01290 AND 0FH ;0-15
E2E2 FE0E 01300 CP 0EH ;0-DH FOR MSB
E2E4 3B26 01310 JR C,OUT12
E2E6 1BF2 01320 JR DBLE1
E2E8 CD1FE3 01330 DBLE2 CALL RAND ;PSG REG. 3, LIMITED
E2EB B7 01340 OR A ;TEST FOR NO MSB
E2EC 2B0B 01350 JR Z,NOMSB
E2EE E603 01360 AND 3 ;0-3
E2F0 FE03 01370 CP 3 ;REJECT 3
E2F2 3B18 01380 JR C,OUT12 ;ACCEPT 0-2 FOR MSB
E2F4 1BF2 01390 JR DBLE2
E2F6 CD1FE3 01400 ; GET NEW LSB IF NECESSARY
E2F9 7D 01410 NEWL CALL RAND ;WITH H=0, TEST L
E2FA FE0E 01420 CP 14 ;REJECT IF < 14
E2FC 3BF8 01430 JR C,NEWL
E2FE 1B03 01440 OUT1 ;BYPASS NEXT

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Program Listing 3 Continues

a repeating loop. This is due to the fact that computer-generated random numbers are pseudo-random.

The software filtering begins with line 820, which tests whether PSG register 7, enable, was chosen. If so, then two of the three noise channels are shut off. I find it particularly pleasing if all noise channels are turned off, because noise tends to be overly loud compared to tones. After the noise channels are turned off, and a random number of tone channels are on, the resulting PSG data are entered into the array as A%(N,2) by a branch in line 940.

Data for PSG register 6, noise period, are output without filtering. However, data for PSG register 13, identified by line 970, undergo extensive testing to eliminate nine of the 16 available envelope shapes. The eliminated envelope shapes, all sharp attack-decay combinations, produce clicks whenever envelope period is short. You can also force longer envelope periods whenever a sharp attack-decay envelope is selected.

Starting with line 1000, a test is made for amplitude register 8, 9 or 10. Since the PSGs use a logarithmic volume scale, the low volumes are disproportionately quiet. Program line 1320 rejects the lowest three steps of volume control, including 0000, which would turn a channel off.

Multiple levels of software filtering are applied to the tone-generating PSG registers 1, 3 and 5, starting at program line 1080. Since the PSGs can produce frequencies above 110 kHz, I have limited the range to about 8,000 Hz, or B-8, by not permitting codes less than 14 for tone generation. Secondly, the coding of tones, if random, would produce too many low-frequency notes. Therefore, weights are applied to the three tone period channels. Channel 1 is "full range," channel 2 starts at about D-3, and channel 3 covers A-4 to B-8. Random data within these ranges are entered into the array as A%(N,2) for the appropriate MSB tone-generating register. The PLAYBK routine resolves the entry into MSB and LSB and outputs these as a double load.

Subroutine RAND generates the random numbers. The idea is to scramble the initial seed number extensively and to use the freshly-generated number as a seed for a subsequent operation. The interested reader might look up N. Wadsworth's RANNUM subroutine on p. 113 of "Z80 Software Gourmet Guide & Cookbook" (Scebi, 1979) for an alternative random number generator.

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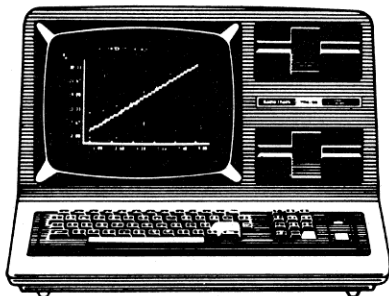
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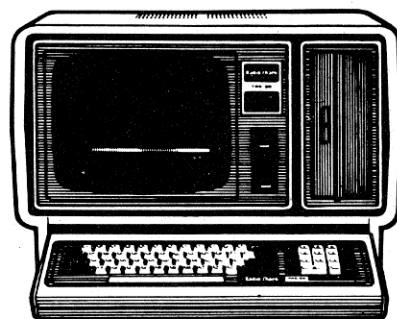


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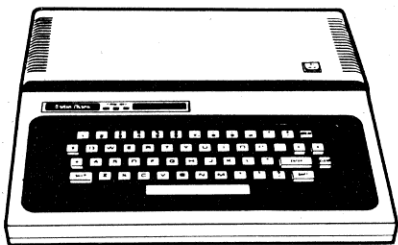
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E303 DD7700 01550 OUT1 LD (IX),A ;ENTER A(N,2) INTO ARRAY
E306 DD360100 01560 LD (IX+1),0 ; SETING MSB=0
E30A 1806 01570 JR RETURN
E30C DD7500 01580 OUT12 LD (IX),L
E30F DD7701 01590 LD (IX+1),A ;ENTER TWO BYTES INTO ARRAY
E312 13 01600 RETURN INC DE ;ADVANCE ARRAY POINTER
E313 13 01610 INC DE ; BY TWO
E314 2AFEDF 01620 LD HL,(NOTES)
E317 29 01630 ADD HL,HL
E318 AF 01640 XOR A ;CLEAR CARRY
E319 ED52 01650 SBC HL,DE ;END OF ARRAY?
E31B C24AE2 01660 JP NZ,LOOP
E31E C9 01670 RET ;BACK TO BASIC
01680 ;
01690 ; SUBROUTINE TO GENERATE A 16-BIT RANDOM NUMBER
E31F 2A33E3 01700 RAND LD HL,(RSEED) ;GET PREVIOUS RSEED
E322 060F 01710 LD B,15
E324 29 01720 RA ADD HL,HL
E325 7C 01730 LD A,H
E326 17 01740 RLA
E327 AC 01750 XOR H
E328 FA2CE3 01760 JP M,RB
E32B 2C 01770 INC L
E32C 10F6 01780 RB DJNZ RA
E32E 2233E3 01790 LD (RSEED),HL
E331 7C 01800 LD A,H ;FOR CONVENIENCE, PASS
E332 C9 01810 RET ; ALSO IN A
E333 01820 RSEED EQU $ ;SEED FOR RANDOM NUMBERS
00000 01830 END
00000 TOTAL ERRORS

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Source code listings 2 and 3 will assemble with two 'Field overflow' errors using Radio Shack's Editor/Assembler. This is due to a design flaw in the Editor/Assembler and not in the source code. The object code, however, will be written correctly.

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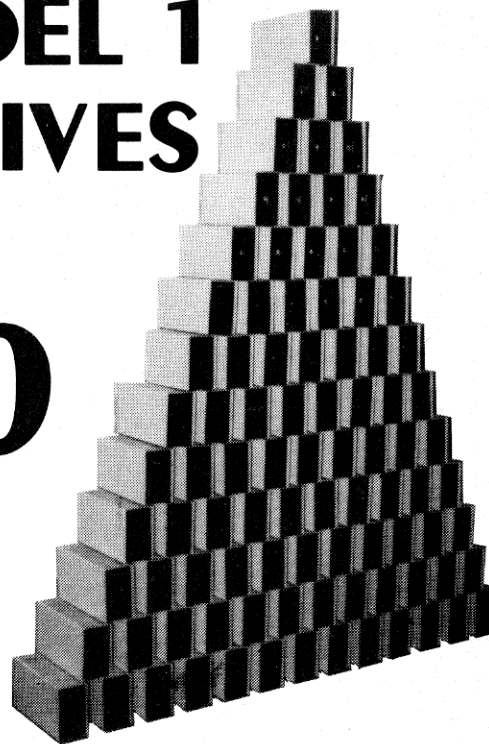
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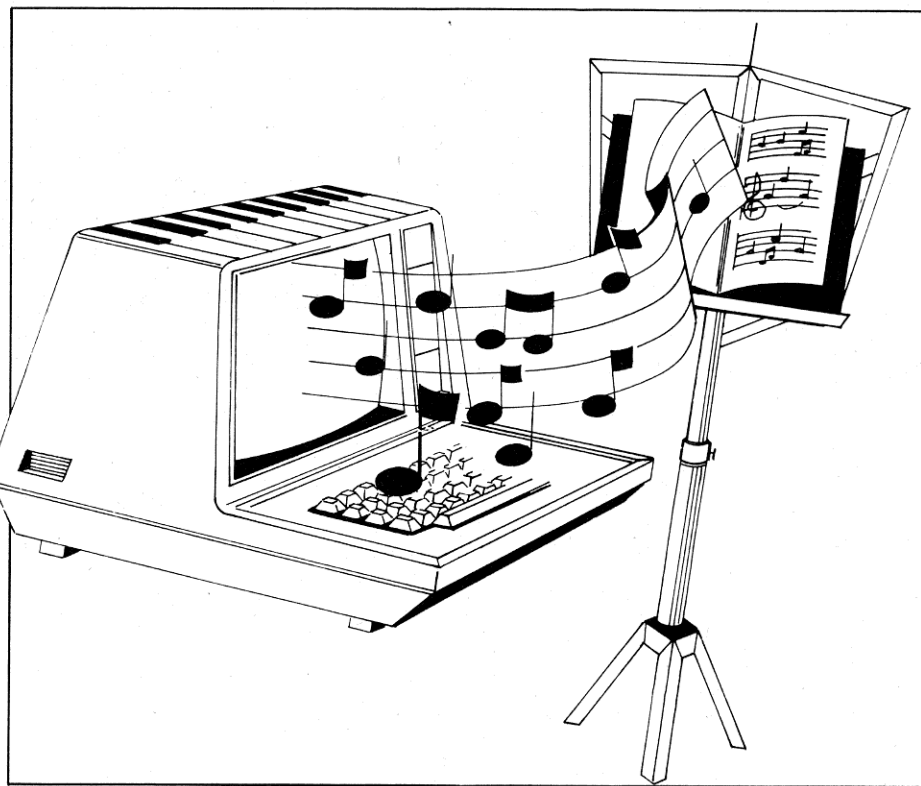
**A** great deal of research done has been in the field of digital synthesis and computer music. General purpose digital computers didn't play a significant part until the 1960s. Bell Labs was interested in music synthesis for partly economic and partly academic reasons, and they became the pioneers of this new art form/technology. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Stanford University, Brooklyn College, Columbia/Princeton, Dartmouth and Queens College of CUNY, just to name a few, were also active in research of computer music. Many scientific disciplines found applications for computer music, typical examples being:

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- Digital Signal Processing—Conventional analog signal theory applied to musical sound generations.

Of the memorable systems that were built and programmed in the 60s and 70s the three discussed below were somewhat astounding in their design as well as the sounds they produced.

## The Groove System

An acronym for Generating Real-Time Operations on Voltage-controlled equipment, this system was developed in the late 60s at Bell Labs by Dr. Max Matthews and F. R. Moore. It consisted of a vast array of laboratory-quality sound generators and modifi-



fiers, which were electrically coupled to input control devices such as joysticks, pots, switches, music keyboards and a drawing tablet. The computer was involved in the processing of events in time. A composer could write a Fortran program that would process input and treat temporal events in any way you could program it. The result was algorithmic control over the synthesis process.

## The Hal Alles Digital Synthesizer

In the 70s Dr. Harold Alles of Bell Labs designed a fully digital synthesizer based on microprogrammed architecture doing sine-wave additive synthesis. It incorporated an LSI-11 minicomputer and scores of analog input devices, which were processed by the LSI-11.

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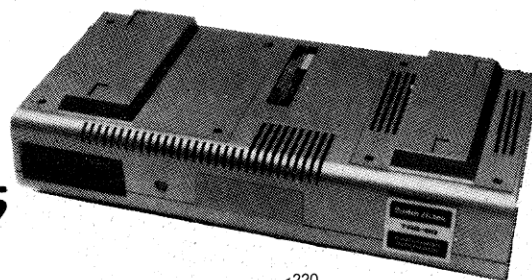
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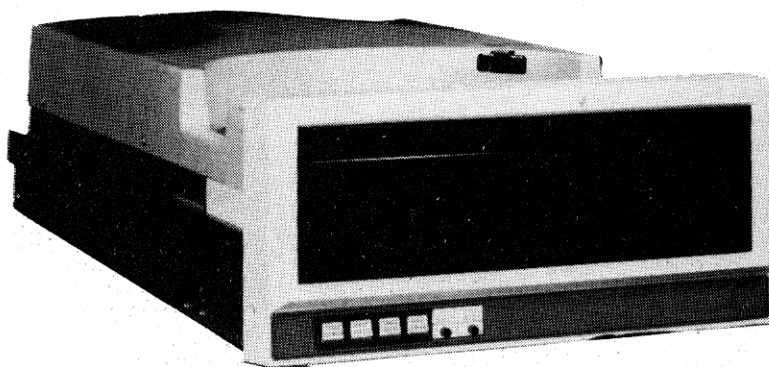
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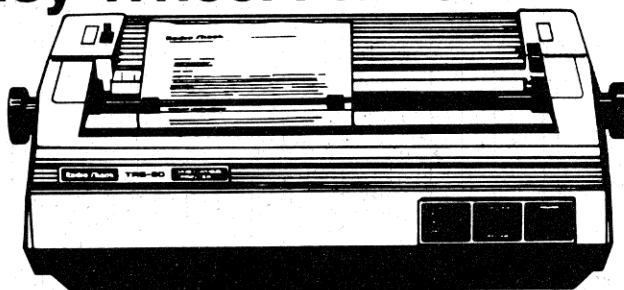
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### **The Fairlight CMI**

The latest comer to the computer music world, and probably the first practical digital synthesizer, the CMI took a totally new approach for control than had any other machine before it. Designed and built by a couple of Australians named Peter Vogel and Kim Ryrey and costing a mere \$35,000, this musical instrument won the favor of many rock stars. I had the great fortune of harboring one for about 18 months or so in exchange for some technical support and paper presentations at various conferences.

The Fairlight produced sounds in two distinct ways; reverse FFT, and the sampling of real sounds for playback and manipulation.

There were also many ways in which to input control information into the instrument including: a light pen for drawing arbitrary waves or splicing/editing waveforms, pots or footpedals, music keyboards (up to eight in all), and an ASCII keyboard for algorithmic control from a composition language.

The most characteristic sound possible and which eventually became the trademark was the sampled sound called "LO-STRING." This was taken from a tape recording of the London Philharmonic Orchestra string section all playing the same note simultaneously! The effect was astounding. By playing one note on the keyboard you could sound like the entire or-

chestra string section all by yourself. (This presented some interesting legal questions.)

As far as additive synthesis is concerned, one could create individual harmonic envelopes for each of 32 harmonics out of a pallet of 128, with scaling and temporal adjustment. The effect was usually unpredictable since there was not enough fine control to recreate all the spontaneous harmonic envelopes involved in the very important attack portion of the wave. Also it is quite difficult to specify this information from just a list of line segment or Fourier spectrum analysis datum. Nevertheless, I enjoyed the CMI and learned a great deal from it. It had two eight-inch floppy disks and was a general purpose multi-tasking computer as well.

The sequencer and composer language together provided a very flexible environment to create musical scores and just plain jam. I could write For...Next loops, play the notes into the composer and the program would score it on the screen as I played. The composer did not retain the timing information, but that could be hand typed on the ASCII keyboard later on. By playing in the general pitch and then making loops and dynamic constructs, one could create almost impossible sequences that would play tirelessly and perform nested permutations while you just sat back and listened in awe!

One more thing about the composer and sequencer: You could convert composer files into sequencer files so they could be used as bass lines or drum kits or repeating chorus backgrounds for live, fully expressed and recorded sequences. The backgrounds could be overdubbed or merged with the new tracks as in a multi-track tape recorder.

Another neat feature is the ability to draw arbitrary waveforms into a graphic "page" using the light-pen for different manipulations. You can merge, mix, rotate and redraw waveforms and display them in two-dimensional or pseudo-three-dimensional form on the CRT. We also merged human voice samples with real musical instruments forming totally new synthetic sounds.

The Fairlight CMI made use of very good ergodynamics (human engineering) to interface the user with this vastly complex device. It has inspired many new instruments.

### **Fundamentals of Digital Synthesis**

All digital synthesis involves sampling.

If sound is to be output from a computer, it must first be converted from numbers to analog voltages. An analog waveform may be broken up into many discrete levels and then stored as a long string of numbers. The waveform may be created entirely from a mathematical function or be digitized from a real sound in the outside world. However it is created, it must eventually be converted by a digital to analog converter. In most cases, a D/A converter is essentially a resistor ladder fed by a current source with each leg of the ladder having one of the "N" bits tied to its input. When a number is fed to the inputs of the resistor network, the current is summed according to the binary weighting of the individual resistors, usually the reciprocal of powers of two. D/A converters are very important in digital synthesis and are always a prime consideration in determining the quality of a digital synthesizer.

Look for the following qualities in D/A converters: the number of bits (determines the dynamic range =  $n \text{ bits} \times 6 \text{ dB}$ ), speed or settling time (governs the highest frequency that can be sampled), and linearity (contributes to the accuracy of the reproduced waveform).

Synthesis is accomplished when waveform samples are output to the D/A converter at twice the highest synthesis frequency. The sample rate must be at least two times the highest frequency in order to avoid alias or foldover frequencies. This foldover is called the Nyquist frequency.

Examples of the Nyquist theorem can be found in western movies. When a western wagon rolls across the screen, the wheels seem to be revolving backward. This is due to the rotation frequency of the wheels being faster than the frequency of the camera shutter sample rate. The movie film (sample converter) is not receiving enough samples per second to accurately reproduce the rapidly moving (repeating wave) wheel. The result is an image whose camera frequency is a sub-multiple of the original wagon wheel. The formula for predicting foldover is:

$$\begin{aligned} Af &= Sr - F & Af &= \text{alias frequency} \\ Sr &= \text{sample rate} \\ F &= \text{frequency to sample} \end{aligned}$$

Generally, sound is synthesized by computing waveform tables with several different waveforms in their own memory areas. The main program starts outputting samples to the D/A converter at a rate conforming to the above rules. In most cases, however, the converter is limited by the cycle-





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time of the microprocessor software. The resulting output is deglitched by a sample and hold circuit and then low-pass filtered to prevent some of the higher alias frequencies from being heard.

If you want to change voices or possibly mix a few on their way out, simply pick samples from the different wavetables and 'accumulate' or sum them up just before they are output to the D/A converter. This is limited by the sample-rate as usual. The number of simultaneous voices possible is usually proportional to the sample rate.

To make real music, form a 'playlist' (a la computer graphics 'displaylist') consisting of pitch and duration specifications for the various voices. Frequency is changed by taking the pitch or note number and using it as an increment into the continuous waveform table. The table, which is thought of as being circular, causes it to produce a lesser or greater cycle time.

A more scientific way to visualize this process is plotting the entire waveform on graph paper. Using one square as the unit of one half the sampling rate, you can hop through the table picking out every sample ending with the lowest frequency of that waveform on our new plot. If you take every other sample (two squares at a time) and replot them on a different sheet, you will see a waveform twice the frequency of the first, and so on. The larger the increment, the higher the frequency. In essence, you are going from one end of the table to the other in fewer samples, resulting in a waveform whose phase crosses zero more frequently (assuming that the sample rate is fixed). Try it on paper, or on your computer screen.

Waveforms have to come from somewhere. In the above example they usually come from a method known as Fourier Analysis. Named after the French mathematician, this technique is widely used in

analysis of periodic phenomena of all types — from visual spectral, to vibration, to chromatography, to audio analysis. The latter is responsible for much of the work done in digital synthesis.

Simply, the FFT (Fast Fourier Transform), breaks a complex wave consisting of many harmonics or partials into its component parts. This process is accomplished by higher mathematics and the analog to digital conversion of the source signal in question. The computer uses an analog to digital converter to fill up a table in memory consisting of the sound waveform, say a clarinet for instance (*Computer Music Journal* Vol. 1, #1, James A. Moorer). A certain number of samples are taken as some multiple of the sample rate divided by the amount and bit size of the memory buffer available. The algorithm extracts periodic wave patterns representing the individual harmonics and builds a table of harmonic strengths for as many harmonics as the algorithm is designed for. This resulting information, sometimes called "Power Spectrum," is used to reconstruct the original source waveform, usually with less harmonic content than is found in the original waveform. This time-consuming process is not done in real time.

The results of the FFT are valuable in providing compressed forms of real waveforms and also resynthesizing or creating new instruments using the process in reverse. Harmonics can be resummed and the complex wave may be resynthesized by specifying the harmonic number and its power (usually some kind of amplitude envelope for the harmonic).

A great deal of data is required for synthesis. To derive the important and useful coefficients to drive a Fourier synthesizer to create a horn-type sound, a data base must be built describing the horn within the limitations of the synthesis hardware and performance control. If you attempt to manipulate the dynamics of the synthesis process, you must create waveforms which sound sensible when manipulated.

### Analog Synthesis Under Computer Control

The concept of controlling an analog synthesizer originated at Bell Labs in the 1960s. Dr. Max Matthews was responsible for developing some of the early software and hardware.

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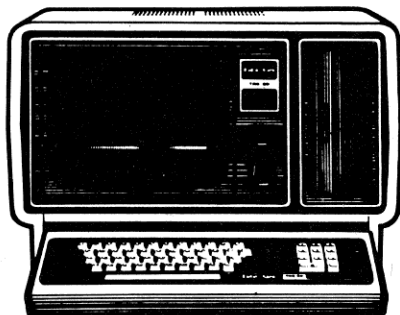


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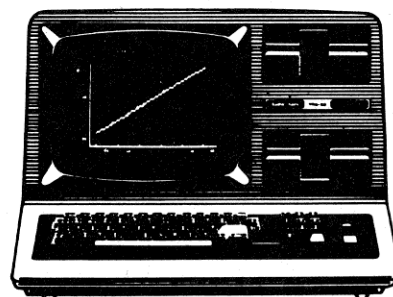
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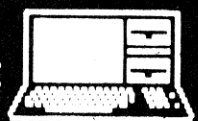
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controlled by the computer (usually through the use of a D/A converter). By connecting conventional control devices, (keyboards, pots, joysticks and so on) and using an A/D converter to sample the input devices, a real-time performance can be achieved.

Today most of the circuitry for implementing these voltage-controlled modules can be found on monolithic integrated circuits for a fraction of their original module cost. A few manufacturers make microcomputer-oriented subsystems using this technique. One makes a complete system with one generation, filtering and performance system.

Some of the possibilities with analog control are:

- Algorithmic generation of musical scores
- Computed timbre control
- Complex sequence generation and storage
- Algorithmic processing of human control input

This is all possible due to the fact that analog sound generation does not require processor time to create the basic sound. A short Basic or assembler program may be executed within the time that a Vco D/A must be updated. The necessary D/A converter is usually not of the high-speed type but should be at least 12 bits wide to allow small increments in frequency. The Vco usually has a very wide range of voltage to frequency control. The same is true of VCFs and VCAs as well.

#### Sound Generators

Although sound generators are listed in the resource table, they are not considered seriously for music synthesis purposes. They range from such things as the General Instruments AY3-8910 to Texas Instruments hybrid chips.

The basic principle of the 8910 is the use of frequency and amplitude control registers which are written into and whose values are continually used to produce sound without further processor intervention. The amplitude values are used as crude scaling (15 different levels) for square waves which are not musically precise throughout their entire range (Uneven Temperament). There is also a set of noise generators on chip. The chip is fun, but it usually finds its way into pinball machines and arcade video games.

The hybrid type TI-76477 and family contains voltage-controlled oscillators on chip with limited wave-shape output. There are a

few bits of digital input control, but only for selected different modes and patches. For example, you can route the oscillator to a VCA, mix noise with oscillators, and so on — not very flexible for creating music, just noise or sound effects for games.

With significant advances in hardware for digital synthesis abounding, we are left with the job of creating software. This can free our personal computer to monitor slow processes such as performance input (algorithmic controlled) and sequencing as well as creation and analysis of musical data.

Many of the products available for small computers today allow the user to write his or her own routines or interface home-brew hardware with the system. Some of the products are not oriented toward the experimenter, but are more performance oriented. They simply play music like a player piano (once they have been loaded or composed onto). These systems range from being a

novelty to an effective musical experimentation and training aid.

Since the techniques above require a lot of time to execute as well as a lot of memory and good converters, we haven't yet seen practical instruments based on these methods. Some of the products available, however, come pretty close for the money. I am surprised at the level of software sophistication that is reached by the personal computer music industry. I am also impressed by the untapped capabilities of these systems.

One should not judge small-computer music systems by their stand-alone merit as a performing do-everything musical instrument. There should definitely be more accent on the experimenter system and the small researcher (this could be you or me) in his or her attic or basement. We are the ones that work out most of the problems and do most of the experimentation. We will

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be the ones to write about it, or feed it back to the manufacturers.

#### Computers in the Arts

There are presently two festivals that I know of to date that deal directly with computer music and related technology. The Symposium on Small Computers in the Arts (Box 1954, Philadelphia, PA 19105) is sponsored by the Philadelphia Area Computer Society and the Philadelphia Chapter of the IEEE Computer Society. This festival combines computer graphics and computer music tutorials as well as demonstrations of equipment, sale of books, periodicals and hardware for both areas.

The International Computer Music Conference is held at a different world-wide site each year. This is the academic community's gathering of minds. The conference has a patron publication, the *Computer Music Journal* (28 Carlton St., Cambridge, MA

02142), which is highly esteemed in the field and published by the MIT press. In addition there are always the personal computer fairs such as the Trenton Computer Festival and the West Coast Computer Fair.

#### The Future of Computer Music

The computer music industry can only grow as fast as the demand for these virtually limitless instruments. There is a great amount of research being funded by the Department of Defense, a heavy user of powerful signal-processing integrated circuits. The U.S. Navy has been funding research to IBM and others for the development of VHSIC (very high-speed integrated circuits). There is a good chance that a general purpose Fourier transformer capable of audio bandwidth generation of dozens of simultaneous complex waveforms on a single VLSI (very large-scale integration) Cmos chip will be available in the next five years. It will be

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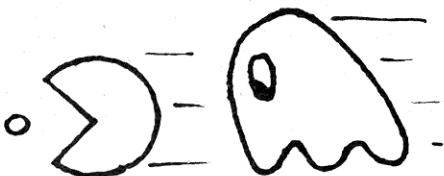
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*For a list of currently available micro and minicomputer music products compiled by Steve Levine, send an SASE to Janet Fiderio, 80 Microcomputing, 73 Pine St., Peterborough NH 03458.*

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Matrix: 9 x 9	X	X	X	X	X	X
Selectable paper feed			X		X	X
<b>PAPER HANDLING FUNCTIONS</b>						
Line spacing to n/216		X		X	X	X
Programmable form length	X	X	X	X	X	X
Programmable horizontal tabs	X	X	X	X	X	X
Skip over perforation			X	X	X	X
<b>PRINT MODES AND CHARACTER FONTS</b>						
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Italics character font		X		X	X	X
Special international symbols				X	X	X
Normal, Emphasized, Double-Strike and Double/Emphasized print modes	X	X	X	X	X	X
Subscript/Superscript print mode				X	X	X
Underline mode				X	X	X
10 CPI	X	X	X	X	X	X
5 CPI	X	X	X	X	X	X
17.16 CPI	X	X	X	X	X	X
8.58 CPI	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>DOT GRAPHICS MODE</b>						
Line drawing graphics				X	X	X
Bit image 60 D.P.I.		X	X	X	X	X
Bit image 120 D.P.I.		X	X	X	X	X
<b>CONTROL FUNCTIONS</b>						
Software printer reset		X		X	X	X
Adjustable right margin			X	X	X	X
True back space		X		X	X	X
<b>INTERFACES</b>						
Standard — Centronics-style 8-bit parallel	X	X	X	X	X	X
Optional — RS-232C current loop w/2K buffer	X	X	X	X	X	X
RS-232C x-on/x-off w/2K buffer	X	X	X	X	X	X
IEEE-488	X	X	X	X	X	X

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*Small Computers in the Arts symposium a disappointment.*

# The Philly Phiasco

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*This review is a composer's comments on the state of the art in computer synthesized music and graphics as presented at the Philadelphia Computer in the Arts Symposium held in November. David Gunn is an accomplished musician and writer*

*whose compositions have been performed across the country.*

The IEEE's Symposium of Small Computers in the Arts in Philadelphia, left me with a feeling of discombobulation.

You see, the goal of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) was "to increase the participant's awareness of the uses of small computers in the arts and to provide a forum for information ex-

change." The key word here is "arts." Apparently, no one connected with the Symposium had a very clear idea of what the word meant in this day and age, so they did what any logical non-artist would do—they checked the dictionary . . . and found "Art: a shortened form of Arthur."

But their reasoning persisted, Arthur Who? There are several choices:

- Arthur, some legendary British king who yanked a sword out of a rock. (But you don't need a computer for this kind of work; you need a pair of vise grips!)
- Arthur Murray, a famous dancing fellow. (While this might not seem significant at first, consider: renowned Bell Computer Labs is located in Murray Hill, New Jersey. Coincidence? You be the judge.)
- Chester Arthur, last of the 'so what?' U.S. presidents. (Alas, no computer connection here, either.)

This lack of information on the arts must have left them feeling a bit ill at ease . . . but hope springs eternal from the human who's at home in the computer world. So, on with the show.

First, there was the little matter of my getting in without springing for the \$75 entrance fee. With a little creative effort, I had an official-looking press pass.

Inside, things were in a minor state of disarray as last minute logistical considerations switched around available space. Chris Morgan (Editor in Chief of *Byte*) officially opened the festivities with a keynote address, the theme of which was "never trust a computer you cannot lift."

The seminars were equally divided between musical applications and graphic applications—or, stuff to hear and stuff to watch. The best of the watching stuff was high-tech computer art from big machines



What is "Art"?



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under the auspices of culturally astute institutions like NASA and Bell Labs. Nice imagery...but created on equipment that takes more than pin money to run. So the next time you lose a quarter in a pay phone, just consider you are in some way helping to fund Industry's equivalent of Bugs Bunny.

The computer music applications, however, intrigued me. I wondered what advances had been made since I had dabbled in it during my college days. Was the electronic synthesizer finally to be embraced by audiences as well as composers due to its increased accessibility? Were strange and exciting new sounds now capable of being generated by the mere flick of a switch, the tap of a button?

Sadly, these questions remained unanswered. Example after example of computer-music spewed forth from shiny synthos, but nothing new, nothing remotely innovative was produced—just the same old beeps and boops you have heard before. Three days worth of this electronic show and tell spawned only tedium and unimaginative noises. How is this possible?

At first, I attributed it all to Murphy's Law: When three and four seminars are running simultaneously and only one could be attended, the others would be necessarily more interesting. So when, for example, I had to decide between "Advanced Software Music Synthesis: Delayed Playback," "Uses of Small Computers in Music," and "Graphics on the Apple II and Atari Computers," I assumed I had just chosen wrongly, again.

But gradually the thought occurred to me that perhaps these guys were simply in some sort of cultural vacuum, and really endorsed Chris Morgan's remark that "composers should send an audience out whistling—or trying to whistle—the tune." In other words, stay with the status quo.

Four of the tutorials were conducted by Hal Chamberlin. They consisted largely of paraphrasing parts of his book, *Musical Applications of Microprocessors*, which sold for \$24.95 at the nearby computer arts store, in case you wanted to follow along. The culmination of his presentations was his software rendition of J.S. Bach's *Tocata and Fugue* in D Minor...nothing new here—he programmed it in 1977.

But wait—he did have a new piece he was working on; it consisted of six notes. Well, no one ever said that composition was easy.

Hold on, you say. You have no right to

pick on these people so much!

Perhaps you're right. After all, they did seem to be quite serious about their Art. (They must mean the Murray fellow.)

On second thought—if I don't, who will?

There were other demonstrations, to be sure. One of the designers of the Synergy digital synthesizer had to keep whacking his prototype against a table to get it to function properly. Another person, diddling with a Datamax computer, demonstrated a graphics language which allows non-programmers to make a bunch of squiggles, calling it "advanced animation." Still another was content to discuss his micro-processorized pipe organ, surely a revolutionary step forward in the annals of computer music.

But the best was still to come, i.e., the Fourth Annual Philadelphia Computer Music Concert. To put this in perspective, after I had savored 90 minutes of predictable software transcriptions of Bach, Bacharach and the Beatles, the rest of the Symposium began to take on a definite charm.

How can you go through ten entire tunes without changing timbre parameters? Or the volume—couldn't the volume have been varied once in a while?

Apparently not.

And that was the good part.

The bad part was labelled an "improv session" (that's when you have not practiced together long enough to get it down right) with three musicians (their word): a keyboardist playing an alphaSyntauri synthesizer, a drummer, and a female vocalist. After the vocalist recited a T.S. Eliot poem with her back to the audience, after the keyboardist banged out the sort of "blues" one hears mostly over supermarket sound systems, and after the drummer watched for ten minutes for a good spot to hit his cymbal, I started to get this uneasy feeling—musical indigestion.

It was all dentist's office music—inoffensive melodic pablum.

No, not quite. I was offended. Minor league rock 'n' roll has no business on a program allegedly reflecting the forefront of computer music. In fact, none of the stuff belonged on the program. It was as exciting as hearing "Bolero" being played on the piano.

At any rate, the final day was set aside for last minute spiels by synthesizer representatives gamely trying to hawk their machines, and a closing plenary session. During the latter, it was announced that the

Symposium had made a profit (a financial one, that is, as opposed to an intellectual one). Also mentioned were two frequently overlooked artistic applications of computers which might find their way onto next year's program: designing athletic footwear and building model ships.

That is when I finally threw in the towel and left.

Some weeks later, I had a chance to talk with the folks at New England Digital (designers of the Synclavier II) and asked them why they had not attended the Symposium. They admitted they had been to one a couple of years ago, and found it lacking in direction and substance, and decided it wouldn't be particularly worthwhile attending another one.

If you're interested in the cutting edge of computer application in the arts, I agree. But hey, if shoes and boats are your bag, then next year's show is for you! ■

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This Basic program allows the user to play the entire range of 88 keys on the piano at a chosen tempo. Data statements in Program Listing 1, lines 1-107, load the machine language generator that must accompany the Basic driver. The music generator accepts a note read by the Basic driver; interprets it in terms of a vibration period and sends a vibration at that frequency to your stereo speaker.

## Basic Program Description

The Basic program reads each note (or rest) and the value of the note (from 1/64th to whole) and the tempo you wish to play it. The data is supplied to the machine language program for tone generation and returned to Basic for the next note. Since a working knowledge of the Basic program is essential, flowcharts are provided in Figs. 2a, 2b, and 2c.

Lines 5-107 contain the data to POKE the machine language into memory. Line 110 saves the memory and does the POKEing. If the checksum is correct in line 115, the program goes to line 340 where you are assured that the machine language is properly entered. Lines 1-15 are then deleted, and the ready signal is given.

Lines 120 and 340 constitute the general Basic driver. All lines beyond line 340 are special for the piece of music you wish to play. I like to save the program through line 340 on tape and then merge from my music data file the music of my choice.

Line 130 zeroes two flags, G and H, and asks for a tempo AP at which you wish to play the number. The G flag allows reading either the note paired with its value in line 140 or the single note alone. The H flag allows one repeat to the beginning of the piece. When H equals one the program knows it is in a repeat cycle.

The tempo AP is set to a single precision number AT at 1/5th the value of AP. The range of AP values of 1-20 from fastest to slowest is suggested. Any decimal value up to 20 is permissible, subject only to the confines of the value of a 2-byte integer as explained below.

Line 140 reads the music data starting at line 1000. Depending on G, it reads either the note string NT\$ paired with B (the note value) or NT\$ alone. G is set in the program for passages in which the note value (or B-value) is unchanging. A table of B-values

is in Fig. 3. NT\$ is a three-character string that identifies one of 88 notes on the piano keyboard. The first character (A-G) defines the note; the second (N, S, or F) indicates a natural, sharp or flat; the third (from zero to seven) tells the octave. The program plays all notes from AN0 to CN7.

Line 150 sets RK, an integer product of B and AT. RK is used only to compute the duration of the rests. This computation is detailed when we come to lines 220-240.

Line 155 prevents a string equal to two or greater than three from reaching the machine language program. Line 155 is one of three lines that should be deleted after your music data is debugged. Deleting this line results in a good legato effect and the best note versus rest timing relationship. Lines 185 and 235, the other two lines to delete, protect against entering a note in the upper register for too long a duration and against excessively long rest durations.

Line 160 directs the program to line 210 where all cases of NT\$ not being a note but an integer from zero to nine are treated. Line 170 finds C, the VARPTR location of NT\$, and passes it to the USR location for determining P. P is the vibration period for the particular note.

Line 180 calculates a single precision A that defines the playing duration of the note. A is directly proportional to B and AT and indirectly to the period P. The proportionality constant 1950 assures that even at the lowest period on the keyboard, the first term in the expression to evaluate A will be one. 1.1 is added to assure an A-value of no lower than two. If you ask for a long duration note in the high upper register of the piano keyboard, the A could become greater than 65535 and line 185 stops the program.

Line 190 determines the D-value, the integer passed on to the machine language

Line Numbers	Function
1-115	Saves memory and loads machine language program. Lines are automatically deleted after first RUN entry.
120-130	Sets parameters for playing notes.
140-160	Reads music data and directs to effects other than notes.
170-200	Sets period P and duration D to play the note.
210	Determines L-value that directs to non note-playing features and to special effects.
220-240	Sets rest parameters.
250-300	Directs program to special effects or to end music.
310-320	Plays the note or rest.
350-480	Special effects for "Carmen March". This part is changed for each particular piece.
1000-1220	The music data. Change for each piece.

Fig. 1 Basic Program Summary

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*"It may be deleted but the timing constants suggested in this program may no longer apply."*

program telling it the duration of the note. The program then goes to line 310 where the second USR entry is set and the note is played (line 320) with the period P passed to the machine language.

Line 200 prints out the note and the note value on the video monitor just before it is played. This is especially useful during debugging. It may be deleted but the timing

constants suggested in this program may no longer apply. Unlike lines 155, 185, and 235, the rest timing constants were computed with line 200 present.

Line 210 directs the program to line 250 if the value of the one-character note string is other than zero. If it is zero, then a rest is recognized and treated in lines 220-240.

Line 220 sets D equals one which the

machine language program recognizes as a rest. Three constants (CK, DK, and EK) are then set for the quadratic equation that computes AD, the rest duration in line 230. It was found that a B-value expressing the duration of a quarter note (for example) is not precise in time for a quarter rest unless AD is determined as a power function of RK (the product of B and AT). Furthermore, be-

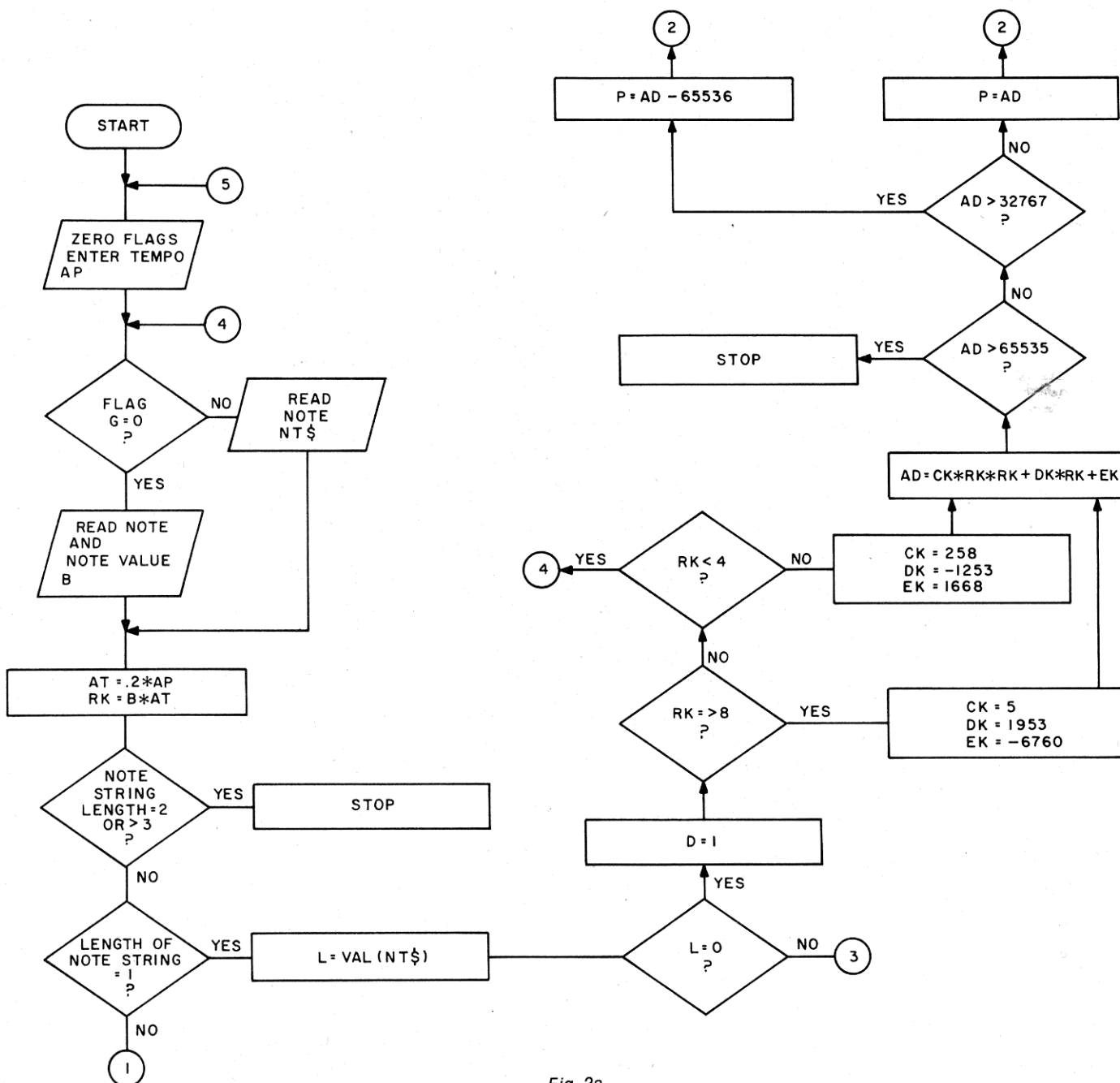


Fig. 2a



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cause of the sheer overhead of treating rests in the program, two sets of constants had to be determined—one for the cases where RK is greater than or equal to eight (where the overhead is small relative to the AD value) and the second case where the overhead is more (the region of RK values between 4 and 8). When RK values are less than four (a sixteenth rest played at an AP tempo of five) it was found best to bypass the overhead and return directly to line 140 for the next note.

The two sets of constants in line 220 were determined experimentally by taping notes having RK values varying from 2-64. By

playing back through one side of the stereo and simultaneously playing a note half-value (1-32) plus a rest half value, an AD value could be determined for each RK. The constants of line 220 were then calculated by linear regression. If you wish to make significant changes in the portion of the program that treats rests, or that which treats notes, you may have to redetermine the CK, DK, and EK constants.

Line 230 determines the AD value. Integer arithmetic is used to conserve time as much as possible. The AD value could exceed the value of a 2-byte integer in which case the program is stopped in line 235. If this hap-

## Program Listing 1

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2 'BY M. L. DAVIS
3 ' 3A PALMETTO ARMS
4 ' CAMDEN, S. C. 29020
5 DATA 205,127, 10, 35, 94, 35, 86,235,221, 33
6 DATA 138,124, 1, 40, 0, 17,120, 0,126,254
7 DATA 65,202, 59,124,221, 25,254, 66,202, 59
8 DATA 124,221, 25,254, 67,202, 59,124,221, 25
9 DATA 254, 68,202, 59,124,221, 25,254, 69,202
10 DATA 59,124,221, 25,254, 70,202, 59,124,221
11 DATA 25, 35,126,254, 78,202, 75,124,221, 9
12 DATA 254, 83,202, 75,124,221, 9, 1, 5, 0
13 DATA 35,126,254, 48,202,129,124,221, 9,254
14 DATA 49,202,129,124,221, 9,254, 50,202,129
15 DATA 124,221, 9,254, 51,202,129,124,221, 9
16 DATA 254, 52,202,129,124,221, 9,254, 53,202
17 DATA 129,124,221, 9,254, 54,202,129,124,221
18 DATA 9,221,102, 4,221,110, 3,195,154, 10
19 DATA 65, 78, 48,146, 7, 65, 78, 49,201, 3
20 DATA 65, 78, 50,228, 1, 65, 78, 51,242, 0
21 DATA 65, 78, 52,121, 0, 65, 78, 53, 60, 0
22 DATA 65, 78, 54, 30, 0, 65, 78, 55, 15, 0
23 DATA 65, 83, 48, 37, 7, 65, 83, 49,146, 3
24 DATA 65, 83, 50,201, 1, 65, 83, 51,228, 0
25 DATA 65, 83, 52,114, 0, 65, 83, 53, 57, 0
26 DATA 65, 83, 54, 28, 0, 65, 83, 55, 14, 0
27 DATA 65, 70, 48,178, 7, 65, 70, 49, 2,
28 DATA 65, 70, 50, 1, 2, 65, 70, 51, 0, 1
29 DATA 65, 70, 52,128, 0, 65, 70, 53, 64, 0
30 DATA 65, 70, 54, 32, 0, 65, 70, 55, 16, 0
31 DATA 66, 78, 48,191, 6, 66, 78, 49, 95, 3
32 DATA 66, 78, 50,175, 1, 66, 78, 51,215, 0
33 DATA 66, 78, 52,107, 0, 66, 78, 53, 53, 0
34 DATA 66, 78, 54, 26, 0, 66, 78, 55, 13, 0
35 DATA 66, 83, 48, 94, 6, 66, 83, 49, 47, 3
36 DATA 66, 83, 50,151, 1, 66, 83, 51,203, 0
37 DATA 66, 83, 52,101, 0, 66, 83, 53, 50, 0
38 DATA 66, 83, 54, 25, 0, 66, 83, 55, 12, 0
39 DATA 66, 70, 48, 37, 7, 66, 70, 49,146, 3
40 DATA 66, 70, 50,201, 1, 66, 70, 51,228, 0
41 DATA 66, 70, 52,114, 0, 66, 70, 53, 57, 0
42 DATA 66, 70, 54, 28, 0, 66, 70, 55, 14, 0
43 DATA 67, 78, 48, 94, 6, 67, 78, 49, 47, 3
44 DATA 67, 78, 50,151, 1, 67, 78, 51,203, 0
45 DATA 67, 78, 52,101, 0, 67, 78, 53, 50, 0
46 DATA 67, 78, 54, 25, 0, 67, 78, 55, 12, 0
47 DATA 67, 83, 48, 2, 6, 67, 83, 49, 1, 3
48 DATA 67, 83, 50,128, 1, 67, 83, 51,192, 0
49 DATA 67, 83, 52, 96, 0, 67, 83, 53, 48, 0
    
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Program Listing 1 Continues



*"Line 230 determines the AD value.  
Integer arithmetic conserves time as  
much as possible."*

Program Listing 1 Continues

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50 DATA 67, 83, 54, 24, 0, 67, 83, 55, 30, 0
51 DATA 67, 70, 48, 191, 6, 67, 70, 49, 95, 3
52 DATA 67, 70, 50, 175, 1, 67, 70, 51, 215, 0
53 DATA 67, 70, 52, 107, 0, 67, 70, 53, 53, 0
54 DATA 67, 70, 54, 26, 0, 67, 70, 55, 13, 0
55 DATA 68, 78, 48, 172, 5, 68, 78, 49, 214, 2
56 DATA 68, 78, 50, 107, 1, 68, 78, 51, 181, 0
57 DATA 68, 78, 52, 90, 0, 68, 78, 53, 45, 0
58 DATA 68, 78, 54, 22, 0, 68, 78, 55, 30, 0
59 DATA 68, 83, 48, 90, 5, 68, 83, 49, 173, 2
60 DATA 68, 83, 50, 86, 1, 68, 83, 51, 171, 0
61 DATA 68, 83, 52, 85, 0, 68, 83, 53, 42, 0
62 DATA 68, 83, 54, 21, 0, 68, 83, 55, 30, 0
63 DATA 68, 70, 48, 2, 6, 68, 70, 49, 1, 3
64 DATA 68, 70, 50, 128, 1, 68, 70, 51, 192, 0
65 DATA 68, 70, 52, 96, 0, 68, 70, 53, 48, 0
66 DATA 68, 70, 54, 24, 0, 68, 70, 55, 30, 0
67 DATA 69, 78, 48, 13, 5, 69, 78, 49, 134, 2
68 DATA 69, 78, 50, 67, 1, 69, 78, 51, 161, 0
69 DATA 69, 78, 52, 80, 0, 69, 78, 53, 40, 0
70 DATA 69, 78, 54, 20, 0, 69, 78, 55, 30, 0
71 DATA 69, 83, 48, 197, 4, 69, 83, 49, 98, 2
72 DATA 69, 83, 50, 49, 1, 69, 83, 51, 152, 0
73 DATA 69, 83, 52, 76, 0, 69, 83, 53, 38, 0
74 DATA 69, 83, 54, 19, 0, 69, 83, 55, 30, 0
75 DATA 69, 70, 48, 90, 5, 69, 70, 49, 173, 2
76 DATA 69, 70, 50, 86, 1, 69, 70, 51, 171, 0
77 DATA 69, 70, 52, 85, 0, 69, 70, 53, 42, 0
78 DATA 69, 70, 54, 21, 0, 69, 70, 55, 30, 0
79 DATA 70, 78, 48, 197, 4, 70, 78, 49, 98, 2
80 DATA 70, 78, 50, 49, 1, 70, 78, 51, 152, 0
81 DATA 70, 78, 52, 76, 0, 70, 78, 53, 38, 0
82 DATA 70, 78, 54, 19, 0, 70, 78, 55, 30, 0
83 DATA 70, 83, 48, 128, 4, 70, 83, 49, 64, 2
84 DATA 70, 83, 50, 32, 1, 70, 83, 51, 144, 0
85 DATA 70, 83, 52, 72, 0, 70, 83, 53, 36, 0
86 DATA 70, 83, 54, 18, 0, 70, 83, 55, 30, 0
87 DATA 70, 70, 48, 13, 5, 70, 70, 49, 134, 2
88 DATA 70, 70, 50, 67, 1, 70, 70, 51, 161, 0
89 DATA 70, 70, 52, 80, 0, 70, 70, 53, 40, 0
90 DATA 70, 70, 54, 20, 0, 70, 70, 55, 30, 0
91 DATA 71, 78, 48, 64, 4, 71, 78, 49, 32, 2
92 DATA 71, 78, 50, 16, 1, 71, 78, 51, 136, 0
93 DATA 71, 78, 52, 68, 0, 71, 78, 53, 34, 0
94 DATA 71, 78, 54, 17, 0, 71, 78, 55, 30, 0
95 DATA 71, 83, 48, 2, 4, 71, 83, 49, 1, 2
96 DATA 71, 83, 50, 0, 1, 71, 83, 51, 128, 0
97 DATA 71, 83, 52, 64, 0, 71, 83, 53, 32, 0
98 DATA 71, 83, 54, 16, 0, 71, 83, 55, 30, 0
99 DATA 71, 70, 48, 128, 4, 71, 70, 49, 64, 2
100 DATA 71, 70, 50, 32, 1, 71, 70, 51, 144, 0
101 DATA 71, 70, 52, 72, 0, 71, 70, 53, 36, 0
102 DATA 71, 70, 54, 18, 0, 71, 70, 55, 30, 0
103 DATA 205, 127, 10, 229, 33, 254, 127, 205, 13, 38
104 DATA 235, 94, 35, 86, 225, 14, 1, 27, 122, 179
105 DATA 19, 40, 6, 62, 3, 169, 79, 211, 255, 229
106 DATA 43, 124, 181, 32, 251, 225, 27, 122, 179, 32
107 DATA 238, 195, 154, 10, 68, 0
110 POKE16562, 123: POKE16561, 253: CLEAR100: FORZ=31742 TO 32767: REA
D X: S = S+X: POKEZ, X: NEXT
115 IF S=69640 THEN 340 ELSE PRINT "BAD CHECKSUM IN DATA": STOP
120 DEFINT C-Z
130 CLS: G=0: H=0: INPUT "TEMPO 1 TO 20 (1 IS FASTEST)"; AP: AT = .2*A
P: RESTORE
140 IF G=0 READ NT$, B ELSE READ NT$
150 RK = B*AT
155 IF LEN(NT$) = 2 OR LEN(NT$) > 3 THEN PRINT NT$; " BAD": STOP
160 IF LEN(NT$) = 1 THEN 210
170 C=VARPTR(NT$): POKE16527, 123: POKE16526, 254: P=USR(C)
180 A=1950*B*AT/P+1.1
185 IF A>65535 THEN CLS: PRINT "B*AT PRODUCT"; B*AT; "IS TOO LARGE
": STOP

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"... then the program is directed to line 350 for special effects of the piece."

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190 IF A<32768 THEN D=INT(A) ELSE D=INT(A-65536)
200 PRINTNT$;B;:GOTO310
210 L=VAL(NT$):IF L<>0 THEN 250
220 D=1:CK=5:DK=1953:EK=-6760:IF RK<4 THEN 140 ELSE IF RK<8 THEN
    CK=258:DK=-1253:EK=1668
230 AD=CK*RK*RK+DK*RK+EK
235 IF AD>65535 THEN PRINT"RK VALUE";RK;"IS TOO LARGE":STOP
240 IF AD<32768 THEN P=AD:GOTO 320 ELSE P=AD-65536:GOTO 320
250 IF L=1 AND B<0 THEN 130 ELSE IF L=1 THEN G=1:GOTO 140
260 IF L<>2 THEN 290
270 IF B>0 AND G=0 THEN 350
280 IF H=0 THEN RESTORE:H=1:GOTO 140 ELSE H=0:GOTO 140
290 IF L=3 THEN B=.2*B:GOTO 140 ELSE IF L=4 THEN B=.5*B:GOTO 140
    ELSE IF L=5 THEN B=.8*B:GOTO 140 ELSE IF L=6 THEN G=0:GOTO 140
    ELSE IF L=7 THEN B=1.25*B:GOTO 140 ELSE IF L=8 THEN B=2*B:GOTO 1
    40 ELSE IF L=9 THEN B=5*B:GOTO 140
300 PRINT"BAD NOTE":STOP
310 POKE16527,127:POKE16526,210
320 F=USR(P):GOTO 140
340 CLS:PRINT"MUSIC GENERATOR READY FOR RUNNING":DELETE1-115
347 'SPECIAL EFFECTS FOR CARMEN MARCH
350 ONBGOTO400
400 N=INT(2*AP):D=16:DR=15:READP1,P2,P3
410 FORZ=1:T0N
420 P=P1:F=USR(P):FORZ1=1:T0DR:NEXT
430 P=P2:F=USR(P):FORZ1=1:T0DR:NEXT
440 NEXTZ
450 P=P1:F=USR(P):FORZ1=1:T0DR:NEXT
460 P=P3:F=USR(P):FORZ1=1:T0DR:NEXT
470 P=P1:F=USR(P):FORZ1=1:T0DR:NEXT
480 GOTO140
1000 'DATA FOR 'CARMEN MARCH' BY GEORGES BIZET
1010 DATAAN5,8,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,EN4,2,0,2,DN4,2,0,2
    ,EN4,2,0,2,AN5,8,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,BN5,2,0,2,CS5,2,0
    ,2,BN5,2,0,2,AN5,4,0,4,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,BN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,G
    S4,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,2,1,53,48,57
1020 DATADN5,4,0,4,DN5,2,0,2,DN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,GN4,2
    ,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,DN5,4,0,4,DN5,2,0,2,DN5,2,0,2,EN5,2,0,2
    ,FS5,2,0,2,EN5,2,0,2,DN5,4,0,4,DN5,2,0,2,CS5,2,0,2,BN5,4,0,4,BN5
    ,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,2,1,64,60,72
1030 DATAAN5,4,0,4,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,EN4,2,0,2,DN4,2
    ,0,2,EN4,2,0,2,AN5,4,0,4,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,BN5,2,0,2
    ,CS5,2,0,2,BN5,2,0,2,AN5,4,0,4,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,BN5,2,0,2,AN5
    ,2,0,2,GS4,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2
1035 DATA2,1,53,48,57
1040 DATAEN5,4,0,4,EN5,2,0,2,EN5,2,0,2,EN5,4,DN5,4,CS5,2,0,2,DN5
    ,2,0,2,EN5,4,0,4,EN5,2,0,2,EN5,2,0,2,EN5,4,DN5,4,CS5,2,0,2,DN5,2
    ,0,2,EN5,8,EN4,4,FS4,4,GS4,8,EN4,4,CS5,4,BN5,16,AN5,8,0,8,2,0
1050 DATACSA4,4,0,4,FS4,4,0,4,CS4,4,0,4,BN4,4,0,4,AN4,8,GS3,4,FS3
    ,4,GS3,4,0,4,CS3,4,0,4,FS3,8,GS3,8,AN4,8,CS4,8,ES4,8,DS4,4,ES4,4
    ,CS4,4,0,4,CS4,4,0,4
1060 DATACSA4,8,FS4,4,0,4,CS4,4,0,4,BN4,4,0,4,AN4,8,GS3,4,FS3,4,G
    S3,4,0,4,CS3,4,0,4,FS3,4,0,4,GS3,4,0,4,AN4,4,0,4,CS4,4,0,4,ES4,8
    ,DS4,4,ES4,4,CS4,8,0,8
1070 DATADN5,4,DN5,4,DN5,4,0,4,EN5,4,EN5,4,EN5,4,0,4,FS5,4,FS5,4
    ,FS5,4,0,4,DN5,4,DN5,4,DN5,4,0,4,CS5,4,0,4,GS4,4,0,4,CS5,4,0,4,D
    N5,4,0,4,CS5,4,0,4,GS4,4,0,4,CS5,4,0,4,8,DN5,4,DN5,4,DN5,4,0,4
    ,EN5,4,EN5,4,EN5,4,0,4
1075 DATAFS5,4,FS5,4,FS5,4,0,4,DN5,4,DN5,4,DN5,4,0,4
1080 DATAGS2,4,GS4,2,GS5,2,GS1,4,GS4,2,GS5,2,AN2,4,GS4,2,GS5,2,A
    N3,4,GS4,2,GS5,2,AS3,4,GS4,2,GS5,2,AS2,4,GS4,2,GS5,2,BN2,4,GS4,2
    ,GS5,2,BN3,4,GS4,2,GS5,2,BS3,4,GS4,2,GS5,2,BS4,4,GS4,2,GS5,2,CS2
    ,4,GS4,2,GS5,2,CS3,4,GS4,2,GS5,2
1085 DATADN3,4,GS4,2,GS5,2,GS4,4,0,4,GS4,4,0,4,AN5,4,0,4,AN5,2,0
    ,2,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,EN4,2,0,2,DN4,2,0,2,EN4,2,0,2,AN5,4,0,4,A
    N5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,BN5,2,0,2,CS5,2,0,2,BN5,2,0,2,AN5,4
    ,0,4,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,BN5,2,0,2
1087 DATAAN5,2,0,2,GS4,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2
1090 DATA2,1,53,48,57,DN5,4,0,4,DN5,2,0,2,DN5,2,0,2,AN
    5,2,0,2,GN4,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,DN5,4,0,4,DN5,2,0,2,DN5,2,0,2,DN5,2
    ,0,2,EN5,2,0,2,FS5,2,0,2,EN5,2,0,2,DN5,4,0,4,DN5,2,0,2,CS5,2,0,2
    ,BN5,4,0,4,BN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2

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*“... use two quarter rests or four eighths... A whole rest will probably never make it.”*

pens, use two quarter rests or four eighth rests for a half rest. A whole rest will probably never make it. Line 235 is among the three lines to be deleted after the music data are debugged.

Line 240 converts the AD value to the P integer that the machine language interprets

as a period for playing rests.

Lines 250–300 treat all cases where L (the integer value of NT\$) is not zero. In line 250 an L of one ends the piece, provided it is accompanied by a negative B-value. If B is any number greater than zero, the program returns to line 140 with that fixed B-value

and G is set to read only NT\$.

Lines 270 and 280 treat cases of L equals two. If B is positive and is read with NT\$ then the program is directed to line 350 for special effects of the piece with the B-value used for further direction at line 350. If B equals zero then a repeat functions at line

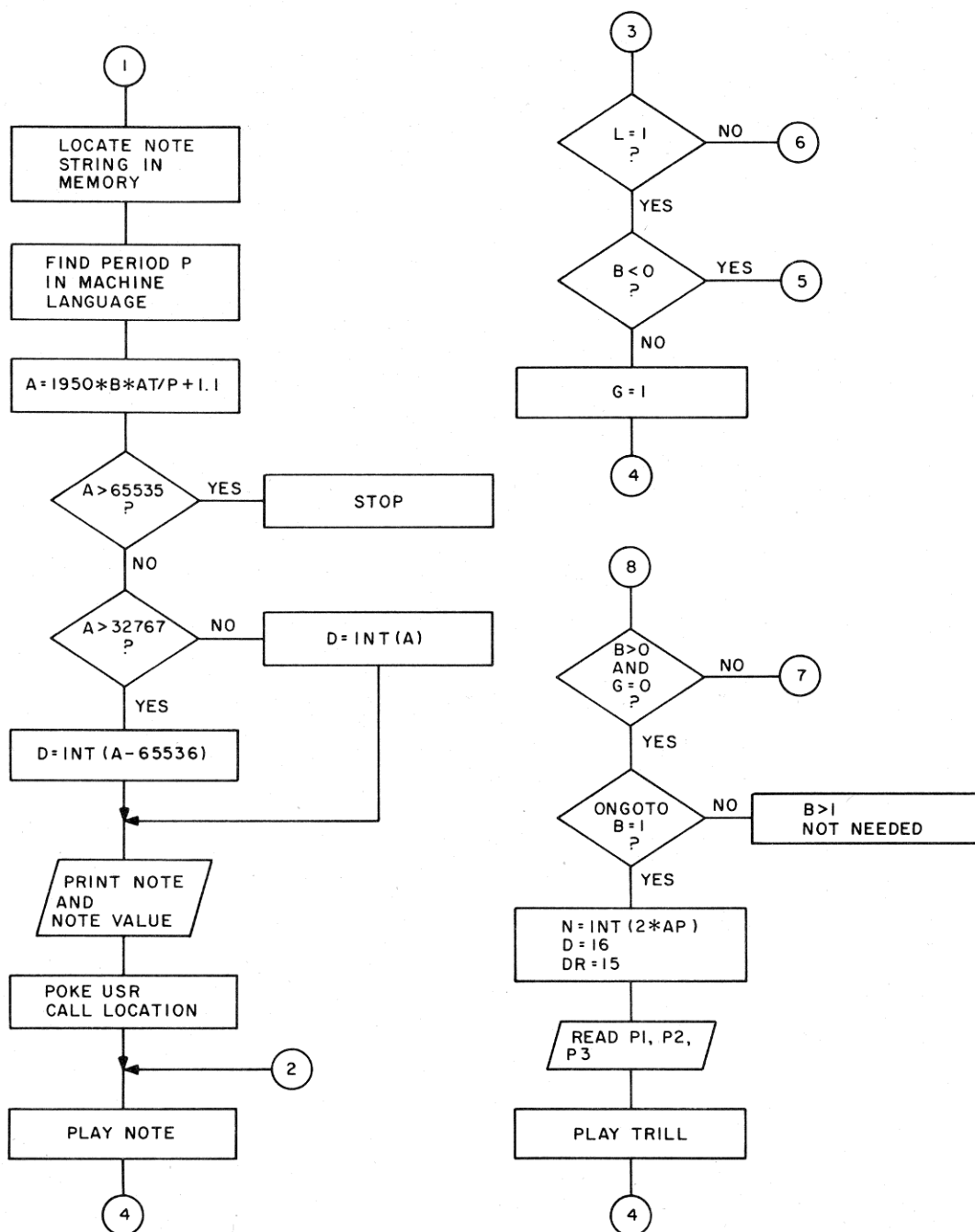


Fig. 2b



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1095 DATA2,1,64,60,72,AN5,4,0,4,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,EN
4,2,0,2,DN4,2,0,2,EN4,2,0,2
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,0,2,BN5,2,0,2,AN5,4,0,4,AN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2,BN5,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2
,GS4,2,0,2,AN5,2,0,2
1110 DATA2,1,53,48,57,EN5,4,0,4,EN5,2,0,2,EN5,2,0,2,EN5,2,0,2,DN
5,2,0,2,CS5,2,0,2,DN5,2,0,2,EN5,4,0,4,EN5,2,0,2,EN5,2,0,2,EN5,2,
0,2,DN5,2,0,2,CS5,2,0,2,DN5,2,0,2
1120 DATAEN5,8,EN4,4,FS4,4,GS4,8,EN4,4,CS5,4,DN4,1,EN4,1,GS4,1,B
N5,13,AN5,4,0,12,FN3,4,0,4,FN3,2,0,2,FN3,2,0,2,FN3,2,0,2,CN3,2,0,
2,BF3,2,0,2,CN3,2,0,2,FN3,4,0,4,FN3,2,0,2,FN3,2,0,2,FN3,2,0,2,G
N3,2,0,2,AN4,2,0,2,GN3,2,0,2
1125 DATAFN3,4,0,4,FN3,2,0,2,FN3,2,0,2,FN3,2,0,2,CN3,2,0,2,BF3,2
,0,2,CN3,2,0,2,FN3,16,FN3,8,0,8
1130 DATAEF4,4,0,4,EF4,2,0,2,EF4,2,0,2,EF4,2,0,2,BF4,2,0,2,AF4,2
,0,2,BA4,2,0,2,EF4,8,EF4,4,EF4,4,EF4,4,GN4,4,GN4,4,EF4,8,E
F4,4,EF4,4,EF4,4,BF4,4,AF4,4,EF4,16,EF4,8,0,8,DF5,4,0,4,DF
5,2,0,2,DF5,2,0,2,DF5,2,0,2
1135 DATAAF5,2,0,2,GF4,2,0,2,AF5,2,0,2
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,0,2,EF5,2,0,2,DF5,8,DF5,4,DF5,4,DF5,4,AF5,4,GF4,4,AF5,4,DF5,16
,DF5,8,0,8,BN4,4,0,4,BN4,2,0,2,BN4,2,0,2,BN4,2,0,2,FN3,2,0,2,EN3
,2,0,2,FN3,2,0,2
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,EN3,2,0,2,FN3,2,0,2
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,BN3,5.33,EN4,16,FS4,12,EN4,4,CS4,16,CS4,16
1160 DATACS4,12,BN4,4,CS4,12,DN4,4,CS4,24,0,8,DN4,16,BN4,12,EN4
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,AN6,AN3,AN6,AN3,EN5,AN3,EN5,AN3,EN5,AN3,CS5,EN2,AN3,EN2,EN5,AN3
,EN5,AN3,EN5,AN3,CS5,AN3,BN5,AN3,CS5,AN3
1210 DATAAN5,EN2,AN3,EN2,CS5,AN3,CS5,AN3,CS5,AN3,AN5,AN3,GS4,AN3
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,CS4,AN3
1215 DATA6,AN4,8,0,4,AN5,4,AN5,8,0,4,AN5,4,AN5,8,0,4,AN5,4,AN5,8
,0,4,AN5,4,AN2,2,AN3,2,AN4,2,AN5,42
1220 DATA1,-1

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Program Listing 2

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1 'MUSIC DRIVER V10 FOR MUSIC KEYBOARD AT 7A68H AND MUSIC GENERA
TOR AT 7FBDH
2 'PROGRAM FOR TRS-80 MODEL I LEVEL II 16K
3 ' BY MERTON L. AVIS
4 ' 3A PALMETTO ARMS
5 ' CAMDEN S. CAROLINA 29020
6 'RUN FIRST TO LOAD KEYBOARD AND MUSIC GENERATOR
7 'THEN RUN TO PLAY MUSIC AT TEMPO OF YOUR CHOICE
8 '
9 DATA 205,127, 10,229, 33, 32,123,205, 13, 38

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Program Listing 2 Continues

280 by setting the H flag and restoring the data to the beginning of the piece. More than one repeat could be programmed but the complexities make it impossible to avoid a long interruption in music continuity. If you wish additional repeats, you must retype the data into the program.

Line 290 deals with L-values from 3-9. They are used only when G equals one and no B-values are being read. L-values from 3-5 shortens B from .2x to .8x. L-values from 7-9 correspondingly lengthens B from 1.25x to 5x. Pair L-values of five with seven, of four with eight, and of three with nine to return to the original B. Use these three L's for time shadings when G equals one. If you wish to return to paired readings with B accompanying the note and are reading only the note, put L equals six in the data to set G to zero.

If you wish time shadings when G equals zero such as for ritard and accelerando, B-values can be varied by fractional amounts. Increase B to slow the music and decrease B to speed it up. Time shadings that alter the tempo AT are more difficult as they require small program changes. You may insert, for example, after the G equals 1 in line 250 an "AT = 1.25\*AP" before going to note reading with a fixed B. But be sure to insert an "AT = .2\*AP" following the G = 0 in line 290 if you wish to return to the original tempo with note paired with B readings.

The "Carmen March"

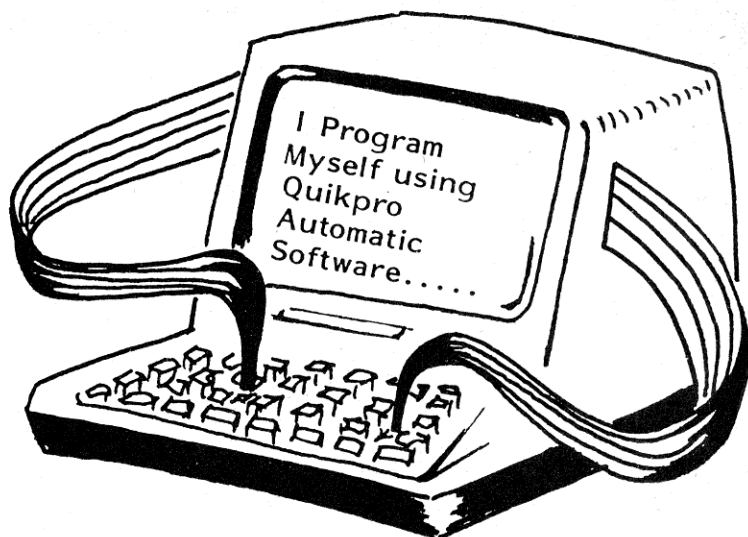
Lines 350 through 1220 are special for the "Carmen March" by George Bizet. This number illustrates many of the program's capabilities. Line 350 is reached by an NT\$ equals two and B equals one reading of data from line 270. A B-value of one directs the program to line 400 for a special effect of trilling. Other special effects might be added in lines 500-999 for glissando, shakes, or the like by B-values of two or above in line 350. Only trills are used in the "Carmen March" and therefore only lines 400-480 are used.

Line 400 sets N to define the length of the trill as a function of the tempo at which you wish to play the piece. D is then set at 16. The machine language must have a D to function and I found 16 to be acceptable for trills. A DR-value is then set for the very short interval of silence between notes of the trill. If you wish to vary the duration of the trill you may change the DR-value from the value of 15 or change the constant in the equation  $N = \text{INT}(2*AP)$ . Finally, the periods of three notes (P1, P2, and P3) that perform



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*"For normal staccato give 1/2 the B value... the other half with a rest of equal B value."*

the trill are read. The periods are read directly rather than going to the machine language so not to require POKEing the location of the USR into memory. The values to use for P1, P2, and P3 are listed in the

Assembly code of Program Listing 2 under the Table of Notes. This table is structured such that three bytes for the note string are followed by two bytes for the note period. Every note and corresponding period from AN0 to CN7 is listed.

After P1 through P3 are read, lines 410 through 440 plays the main section of the trill. The finishing grace is accomplished in lines 450 through 470. Finally, the program returns to line 140 for the next note to play.

The data for the music starts in line 1010. I use 10 line numbers of data for each line of music. In this way, line 1210 tells me that there are 21 lines of music in the "Carmen March." If this information is used in conjunction with the printing in line 200, debugging the data should be eased.

The music data starts in line 1010 with an eighth note played at AN5 as shown by the AN5,8 combination. Next comes a series of sixteenth notes played staccato. For normal staccato give the note 1/2 the regular B-value (a 32nd note value in this case) and take up the other half with a rest of equal B-value. The ratio may be varied from 1/4 to 3/4 or 3/4 to 1/4 depending on the sharpness of the staccato desired. A full B-value plays the note a good legato. Later in line 1010, AN5,4,0,4 shows an eighth note played staccato.

Line 1010 also has an example of data producing a trill. The sequence at the end of the line ("2,1,53,48,57") sends the program to line 400 where a trill is played with three notes having periods of 53, 48, and 57.

Line 1040 contains an example of a repeat. The 2,0 combination after the eighth rest at the end of line 1040 starts the music from the beginning. When the music again reaches the 2,0, it continues on with data from line 1050.

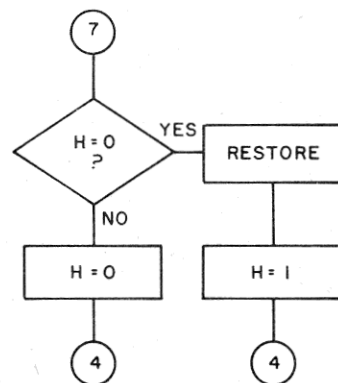
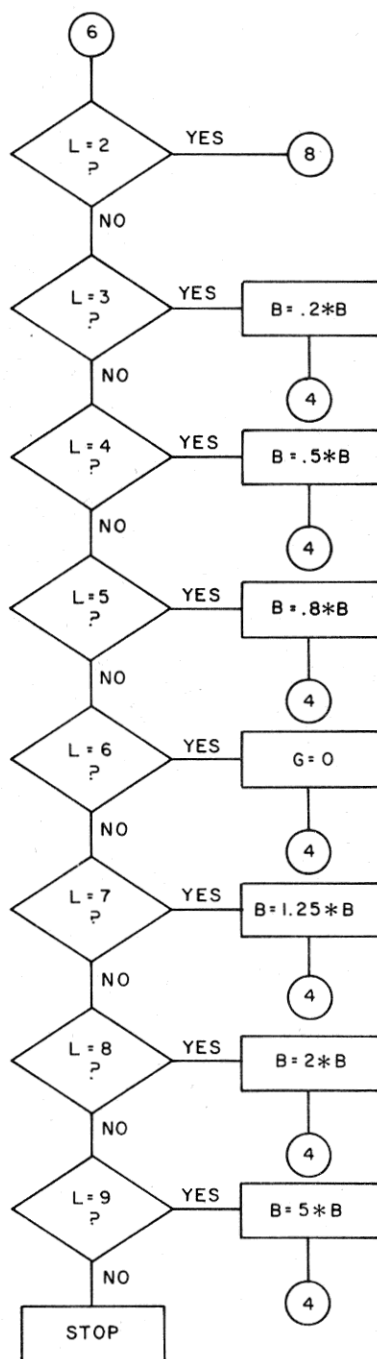


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10 DATA 235, 94, 35, 86, 225, 122, 179, 202, 212, 127
11 DATA 35, 94, 35, 86, 213, 253, 225, 221, 33, 37
12 DATA 123, 33, 34, 123, 205, 13, 38, 1, 168, 0
13 DATA 253, 126, 0, 254, 65, 202, 189, 122, 221, 9
14 DATA 254, 66, 202, 189, 122, 221, 9, 254, 67, 202
15 DATA 189, 122, 221, 9, 254, 68, 202, 189, 122, 221
16 DATA 9, 254, 69, 202, 189, 122, 221, 9, 254, 70
17 DATA 202, 189, 122, 221, 9, 1, 56, 0, 253, 126
18 DATA 1, 254, 78, 202, 209, 122, 221, 9, 254, 83
19 DATA 202, 209, 122, 221, 9, 1, 7, 0, 253, 126
20 DATA 2, 254, 48, 202, 8, 123, 221, 9, 254, 49
21 DATA 202, 8, 123, 221, 9, 254, 50, 202, 8, 123
22 DATA 221, 9, 254, 51, 202, 8, 123, 221, 9, 254
23 DATA 52, 202, 8, 123, 221, 9, 254, 53, 202, 8
24 DATA 123, 221, 9, 254, 54, 202, 8, 123, 221, 9
25 DATA 221, 126, 5, 18, 19, 221, 126, 6, 18, 33
26 DATA 189, 127, 34, 142, 64, 221, 102, 4, 221, 110
27 DATA 3, 195, 154, 10, 68, 0, 80, 67, 0, 65
28 DATA 78, 48, 178, 9, 96, 9, 65, 78, 49, 214
29 DATA 4, 190, 4, 65, 78, 50, 105, 2, 96, 2
30 DATA 65, 78, 51, 50, 1, 49, 1, 65, 78, 52
31 DATA 151, 0, 154, 0, 65, 78, 53, 73, 0, 80
32 DATA 0, 65, 78, 54, 34, 0, 42, 0, 65, 78
33 DATA 55, 15, 0, 24, 0, 65, 83, 48, 38, 9
34 DATA 220, 8, 65, 83, 49, 145, 4, 124, 4, 65
35 DATA 83, 50, 70, 2, 61, 2, 65, 83, 51, 33
36 DATA 1, 32, 1, 65, 83, 52, 142, 0, 146, 0
37 DATA 65, 83, 53, 69, 0, 75, 0, 65, 83, 54
38 DATA 32, 0, 40, 0, 65, 83, 55, 14, 0, 23
39 DATA 0, 65, 70, 48, 0, 0, 2, 0, 65, 70
40 DATA 49, 32, 5, 5, 5, 65, 70, 50, 142, 2
41 DATA 131, 2, 65, 70, 51, 69, 1, 67, 1, 65
42 DATA 70, 52, 160, 0, 163, 0, 65, 70, 53, 78
43 DATA 0, 84, 0, 65, 70, 54, 37, 0, 44, 0
44 DATA 65, 70, 55, 16, 0, 25, 0, 66, 78, 48
45 DATA 162, 8, 97, 8, 66, 78, 49, 79, 4, 61
46 DATA 4, 66, 78, 50, 37, 2, 29, 2, 66, 78
47 DATA 51, 16, 1, 15, 1, 66, 78, 52, 134, 0
48 DATA 138, 0, 66, 78, 53, 65, 0, 71, 0, 66
49 DATA 78, 54, 30, 0, 38, 0, 66, 78, 55, 13
50 DATA 0, 22, 0, 66, 83, 48, 38, 8, 238, 7
51 DATA 66, 83, 49, 17, 4, 255, 3, 66, 83, 50
52 DATA 6, 2, 254, 1, 66, 83, 51, 1, 1, 1
53 DATA 1, 66, 83, 52, 126, 0, 131, 0, 66, 83
54 DATA 53, 61, 0, 67, 0, 66, 83, 54, 28, 0
55 DATA 36, 0, 66, 83, 55, 12, 0, 21, 0, 66
56 DATA 70, 48, 38, 9, 220, 8, 66, 70, 49, 145
57 DATA 4, 124, 4, 66, 70, 50, 70, 2, 61, 2
58 DATA 66, 70, 51, 33, 1, 32, 1, 66, 70, 52
59 DATA 142, 0, 146, 0, 66, 70, 53, 69, 0, 75
60 DATA 0, 66, 70, 54, 32, 0, 40, 0, 66, 70
61 DATA 55, 14, 0, 23, 0, 67, 78, 48, 38, 8
62 DATA 238, 7, 67, 78, 49, 17, 4, 255, 3, 67
63 DATA 78, 50, 6, 2, 254, 1, 67, 78, 51, 1
64 DATA 1, 1, 1, 67, 78, 52, 126, 0, 131, 0
65 DATA 67, 78, 53, 61, 0, 67, 0, 67, 78, 54
66 DATA 28, 0, 36, 0, 67, 78, 55, 12, 0, 21
67 DATA 0, 67, 83, 48, 177, 7, 125, 7, 67, 83
68 DATA 49, 214, 3, 196, 3, 67, 83, 50, 233, 1
69 DATA 228, 1, 67, 83, 51, 242, 0, 242, 0, 67
70 DATA 83, 52, 119, 0, 124, 0, 67, 83, 53, 57
71 DATA 0, 64, 0, 67, 83, 54, 26, 0, 35, 0
72 DATA 67, 83, 55, 30, 0, 38, 0, 67, 70, 48
73 DATA 162, 8, 97, 8, 67, 70, 49, 79, 4, 61
74 DATA 4, 67, 70, 50, 37, 2, 29, 2, 67, 70
75 DATA 51, 16, 1, 15, 1, 67, 70, 52, 134, 0
76 DATA 138, 0, 67, 70, 53, 65, 0, 71, 0, 67
77 DATA 70, 54, 30, 0, 38, 0, 67, 70, 55, 13
78 DATA 0, 22, 0, 68, 78, 48, 66, 7, 18, 7
79 DATA 68, 78, 49, 159, 3, 140, 3, 68, 78, 50
80 DATA 205, 1, 201, 1, 68, 78, 51, 228, 0, 228
81 DATA 0, 68, 78, 52, 112, 0, 117, 0, 68, 78

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Program Listing 2 Continues

Line 1120 illustrates the handling of the chords. Because one note is played at a time, chords are entered as arpeggio as when playing a harp. The DN4,1,EN4,1,GS4,1,BN5,13 combination following the sixteenth note at CS5 in line 1120 plays an arpeggio chord with the melody note at B natural of the 5th octave. The sum of the B-values of all notes of a chord must total 16 because it is composed of quarter notes. Therefore, the three notes preceding the melody note BN5 are valued at one each and BN5 is given the remainder, 13, to bring out the melody note clearly. The arpeggio notes of a chord may be given any B-value from .6 to two depending on your taste, but be sure the melody note takes the balance of the total for the chord as a unit note.

The data in line 1180 illustrates two effects. Divisions in timing are handled in CS4,2.67,DN4,2.67,CS4,2.67. The "Carmen March" is written in 2/4 time, meaning two quarter notes per measure or a total of  $2 \times 16 = 32$  beats (B-values) per measure. For precise timing, each measure must total 32 in B-value, unless there are ritards or accelerandos. When the music calls for three notes to be played in the same time as one eighth note, as in the above instance, then divide eight (the B-value for an eighth note) by three to get 2.67 as your entry for B after each note.

The second effect in line 1180 comes immediately after BN5,16, the quarter note at BN5. The 1,2 pair tells the program to read only the note NT\$ in line 140 and that the B-value will be constant at two in the succeeding. The 1,2 is followed by AN5,0,0,0, AN5,0 which tells the program to play one sixteenth note staccato at AN5 and follow by a sixteenth (or 2 32nd) rest and then another staccato AN5 sixteenth note.

The passage of reading of NT\$ alone ends with the AN3 note at the end of line 1210. The 6 at the start of line 1215 commences reading NT\$ paired with its B-value again. At the very end of the piece (end of line 1215) there is another arpeggio chord of four A Natural notes covering a three octave span. Because the music calls for a pause at this point, the sum of the B-values for the four notes total 48 rather than the 32 required for normal timing.

The piece ends with the 1, - 1 pair in line 1220. If you wish to end while reading only NT\$ and not the B-value, be sure to end the data with a "6,1, - 1" combination.

### Special Effects

Several special effects are not illustrated

*"...play a turn when  
a ~ follows a note."*

in the "Carmen March." Two quite common ones are grace notes and turns. All grace notes should be given a B-value less than one but greater than .5. The timing should be deducted from the note preceding the grace rather than from the note in front. Thus, if two grace notes of .6 timing each follow a quarter note, then this quarter note should be given a B-value of 14.8 rather than 16.

A turn is required when a ~ sign follows a note in music. Give the note to be turned half its value (an eight for a quarter note for example) and then divide the remaining half evenly among the four notes of the turn. Any other special effect may be accomplished with this program and some ingenuity.

#### Machine Language Program

The documentation in Program Listing 2 is sufficiently detailed for comprehension of the machine language program. There are two USR entries—one at 7BFE (31742 decimal) to find the note period and the second at 7FD2 (32722 decimal) to generate the tone. The functions of lines 170-770 are to point HL to the first character of the note string in memory and point IX to the start of the note table at 7C8A. IX is incremented until the first three bytes after every fifth from the table start matches the three bytes to which HL points. When the complete match is found, the last two bytes of the five hold the period for the note and this value is transmitted to Basic.

The note table begins with line 810 and ends with line 4170. All the A notes of the entire keyboard are given 120 bytes at the start of the table. This is followed by B notes and so on to G, each given 120 bytes. The naturals, the sharps, and flats succeed each other by occupying 40 bytes of the 120. Octaves zero through seven are covered in the 40 bytes. The program and this table are structured so that any 3-byte string finding its way into the program plays

Note Value	B-Value
Whole	64
Half dot	48
Half	32
Quarter dot	24
Quarter	16
Eighth dot	12
Eighth	8
Sixteenth dot	6
Sixteenth	4
Thirty second	2
Sixty fourth	1

Fig. 3. B-value to Use in Basic

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*"The naturals, sharps and flats  
 succeed each other in 40 of the  
 next 120."*

*Program Listing 2 Continued*

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82 DATA 53, 54, 0, 61, 0, 68, 78, 54, 25, 0
83 DATA 34, 0, 68, 78, 55, 30, 0, 38, 0, 68
84 DATA 83, 48, 217, 6, 172, 6, 68, 83, 49, 106
85 DATA 3, 87, 3, 68, 83, 50, 179, 1, 175, 1
86 DATA 68, 83, 51, 215, 0, 215, 0, 68, 83, 52
87 DATA 105, 0, 111, 0, 68, 83, 53, 50, 0, 58
88 DATA 0, 68, 83, 54, 23, 0, 32, 0, 68, 83
89 DATA 55, 30, 0, 38, 0, 68, 70, 48, 177, 7
90 DATA 125, 7, 68, 70, 49, 214, 3, 196, 3, 68
91 DATA 70, 50, 233, 1, 228, 1, 68, 70, 51, 242
92 DATA 0, 242, 0, 68, 70, 52, 119, 0, 124, 0
93 DATA 68, 70, 53, 57, 0, 64, 0, 68, 70, 54
94 DATA 26, 0, 35, 0, 68, 70, 55, 30, 0, 38
95 DATA 0, 69, 78, 48, 119, 6, 79, 6, 69, 78
96 DATA 49, 57, 3, 39, 3, 69, 78, 50, 154, 1
97 DATA 150, 1, 69, 78, 51, 203, 0, 203, 0, 69
98 DATA 78, 52, 99, 0, 105, 0, 69, 78, 53, 47
99 DATA 0, 55, 0, 69, 78, 54, 21, 0, 30, 0
100 DATA 69, 78, 55, 30, 0, 38, 0, 69, 83, 48
101 DATA 26, 6, 245, 5, 69, 83, 49, 10, 3, 248
102 DATA 2, 69, 83, 50, 131, 1, 128, 1, 69, 83
103 DATA 51, 191, 0, 191, 0, 69, 83, 52, 93, 0
104 DATA 99, 0, 69, 83, 53, 44, 0, 52, 0, 69
105 DATA 83, 54, 20, 0, 29, 0, 69, 83, 55, 30
106 DATA 0, 38, 0, 69, 70, 48, 217, 6, 172, 6
107 DATA 69, 70, 49, 106, 3, 87, 3, 69, 70, 50
108 DATA 179, 1, 175, 1, 69, 70, 51, 215, 0, 215
109 DATA 0, 69, 70, 52, 105, 0, 111, 0, 69, 70
110 DATA 53, 50, 0, 58, 0, 69, 70, 54, 23, 0
111 DATA 32, 0, 69, 70, 55, 30, 0, 38, 0, 70
112 DATA 78, 48, 26, 6, 245, 5, 70, 78, 49, 10
113 DATA 3, 248, 2, 70, 78, 50, 131, 1, 128, 1
114 DATA 70, 78, 51, 191, 0, 191, 0, 70, 78, 52
115 DATA 93, 0, 99, 0, 70, 78, 53, 44, 0, 52
116 DATA 0, 70, 78, 54, 20, 0, 29, 0, 70, 78
117 DATA 55, 30, 0, 38, 0, 70, 83, 48, 194, 5
118 DATA 160, 5, 70, 83, 49, 223, 2, 208, 2, 70
119 DATA 83, 50, 109, 1, 107, 1, 70, 83, 51, 180
120 DATA 0, 181, 0, 70, 83, 52, 88, 0, 94, 0
121 DATA 70, 83, 53, 42, 0, 49, 0, 70, 83, 54
122 DATA 19, 0, 27, 0, 70, 83, 55, 30, 0, 38
123 DATA 0, 70, 70, 48, 119, 6, 79, 6, 70, 70
124 DATA 49, 57, 3, 39, 3, 70, 70, 50, 154, 1
125 DATA 150, 1, 70, 70, 51, 203, 0, 203, 0, 70
126 DATA 70, 52, 99, 0, 105, 0, 70, 70, 53, 47
127 DATA 0, 55, 0, 70, 70, 54, 21, 0, 30, 0
128 DATA 70, 70, 55, 30, 0, 38, 0, 71, 78, 48
129 DATA 111, 5, 80, 5, 71, 78, 49, 181, 2, 168
130 DATA 2, 71, 78, 50, 88, 1, 86, 1, 71, 78
131 DATA 51, 170, 0, 172, 0, 71, 78, 52, 83, 0
132 DATA 89, 0, 71, 78, 53, 39, 0, 47, 0, 71
133 DATA 78, 54, 17, 0, 26, 0, 71, 78, 55, 30
134 DATA 0, 38, 0, 71, 83, 48, 32, 5, 5, 5
135 DATA 71, 83, 49, 142, 2, 131, 2, 71, 83, 50
136 DATA 69, 1, 67, 1, 71, 83, 51, 160, 0, 163
137 DATA 0, 71, 83, 52, 78, 0, 84, 0, 71, 83
138 DATA 53, 37, 0, 44, 0, 71, 83, 54, 16, 0
139 DATA 25, 0, 71, 83, 55, 30, 0, 38, 0, 71
140 DATA 70, 48, 194, 5, 160, 5, 71, 70, 49, 223
141 DATA 2, 208, 2, 71, 70, 50, 109, 1, 107, 1
142 DATA 71, 70, 51, 180, 0, 181, 0, 71, 70, 52
143 DATA 88, 0, 94, 0, 71, 70, 53, 42, 0, 49
144 DATA 0, 71, 70, 54, 19, 0, 27, 0, 71, 70
145 DATA 55, 30, 0, 39, 0, 205, 127, 10, 229, 33
146 DATA 32, 123, 205, 13, 38, 235, 94, 35, 86, 225
147 DATA 14, 1, 62, 3, 169, 79, 211, 255, 125, 183
148 DATA 229, 194, 219, 127, 44, 69, 16, 254, 203, 124
149 DATA 32, 5, 37, 250, 237, 127, 36, 37, 46, 254
150 DATA 195, 219, 127, 122, 179, 225, 202, 247, 127, 27
151 DATA 195, 206, 127, 33, 104, 122, 34, 142, 64, 195

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*Program Listing 2 Continues*

*"... you begin to hear washed out bass..."*

some note. The default if the first character is not A to G plays a G. If the second character is bad, the flat note is played. Finally, if the third character is not 0-7 it plays the seventh octave by default if a note exists there. If not (notes above CN7) it plays a note of period equal to 30.

The note period, or a calculated rest period, is entered into HL in line 4200. This is temporarily saved while HL goes about the business of getting the Basic D-value into DE in lines 4220-4270. After checking to see if the value in DE indicates a rest (lines 4300-4340) the note is played (lines 4350-4380) by toggling A from two to one and sending the vibration out port FFH. A delay to define the period of vibration is implemented in lines 4400-4430 and continued until HL is decremented to zero. Lines 4440-4480 restore the period to HL and continue the tone until the D-value in DE zeroes. In the rest case, the tone generation lines (4350-4380) are bypassed and no loop back occurs in line 4480 because the D-value of a rest is one. After DE zeroes, the program returns to Basic.

#### Calculating Periods

The periods in the two bytes following each note in the table of Program Listing 2 are calculated from the vibration frequency of 264 per second for middle C (CN3). Multiply 264 by 1.05946 to obtain the frequency for each half step up from middle C and divide by the same factor for each half step down. This factor doubles the frequency for each full octave step upscale.

The period is calculated from the frequency by the formula  $P = 53800/F$ . The factor 53800 gives each of the 88 notes a distinct integer for P, all properly related to each other. If you are unsatisfied with the tuning of your computer instrument, modify the periods listed in the table but modify all 88 to preserve the proper relationship. Decrease the factor 53800 for a higher pitch or increase for a lower pitch. If the factor is decreased too much you begin to lose distinction in the 7th octave or perhaps even the 6th. If the factor is increased you begin to hear washed out bass notes in the 0th octave. Remember some periods are listed more than once—GS3, for example, has the same period as AF4.

#### Using the Music Program

Type in the Basic program through line 340 and Run. Wait for the machine language program to be loaded and for the Ready signal. Next either type in lines

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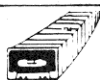
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"...modify the periods listed but  
modify all 88 to preserve relationship."

### Program Listing 2 Continued

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152 DATA 154, 10
153 POKE16562,122:POKE16561,103:CLR100:FORZ=31336TO32767:READX
:S=S+X:POKEZ,X:NEXT
155 IFS=96246THEN300 ELSE PRINT"BAD CHECKSUM IN DATA":STOP
160 DEFINTC-Z:POKE16527,122:POKE16526,104:K=2500:PC=0:D=1:AB=1.4
9:DK=1230:EK=-8830
170 CLS:G=0:INPUT"TEMPO 1 TO 20 (1 IS FASTEST)";AP:AT=.479*AP:RE
STORE
180 IF G=0 READ NT$,B ELSE READNT$
185 IF LEN(NT$)=2 ORLEN(NT$)>3 THEN PRINT NT$;" BAD":STOP: 'DELE
TE THIS LINE AFTER DEBUGGING
190 IFLN(NT$)=1THEN230
195 BC=B-AB
200 P=USR(VARPTR(NT$)):A=K*BC*AT/PC
205 IF A>65535 THEN CLS:PRINT"BC*AT PRODUCT";BC*AT;"TOO LARGE":S
TOP:'DELETE THIS LINE AFTER DEBUGGING
210 IFA<32768THENB=AELSEB=A-65536
215 PRINTNT$;B; 'DELETE THIS LINE AFTER DEBUGGING DATA
220 F=USR(P):GOTO180
230 L=VAL(NT$):IFL<>0THEN270
240 RK=B*AP:IFRK<8THENFORZ=1TO INT(5*AP):NEXT:GOTO180
250 AD=DK*RK+EK:D=0
255 IFAD>65535 THEN PRINT"RK VALUE";RK;"IS TOO LARGE":STOP:'DELE
TE THIS LINE AFTER DEBUGGING
260 IFAD<32768THENP=AD:F=USR(P):D=1:GOTO180 ELSEP=AD-65536:F=USR
(P):D=1:GOTO180
270 IFL=1ANDB>0THENG=1:GOTO180ELSEIFL=1THEN170
280 IFL=2THEN350
290 IFL=3THENB=.2*B:GOTO180ELSEIFL=4THENB=.5*B:GOTO180ELSEIFL=5T
HENB=.8*B:GOTO180ELSEIFL=6THENG=0:GOTO180ELSEIFL=7THENB=1.25*B:G
OTO180ELSEIFL=8THENB=2*B:GOTO180ELSEIFL=9THENB=5*B
300 CLS:PRINT"MUSIC GENERATOR READY FOR RUNNING":DELETE1-155
310 F=USR(VARPTR(NT$)):FORZ1=1TODR:NEXT:RETURN
350 'SPECIAL EFFECTS FOR CHOPIN "BERCEUSE"--TREBLE CLEF--
351 ONBGOTO400,500,600,650,700
400 N=INT(.45*AP):D=13:DR=15:READN1$,N2$
410 FORZ=1TON
420 NT$=N1$:GOSUB310:NT$=N2$:GOSUB310:NEXTZ
430 NT$=N1$:GOSUB310:GOTO180
500 N=INT(.45*AP):D=13:DR=15:READN1$,N2$,N3$
510 FORZ=1TON
520 NT$=N1$:GOSUB310:NT$=N2$:GOSUB310:NEXTZ:N=N/2
530 FORZ=1TON
540 NT$=N3$:GOSUB310:NT$=N2$:GOSUB310
550 NEXTZ:NT$=N2$:D=32:GOSUB310:GOTO400
600 FORZ=1TO138:READNT$:P=USR(VARPTR(NT$)):D=3510/PC:F=USR(P):FO
RZ1=1TODR:NEXT:NEXTZ
610 FORZ=1TO22:READNT$:P=USR(VARPTR(NT$)):D=3000/PC:F=USR(P):FOR
Z1=1TODR:NEXT:NEXTZ
620 GOTO180
650 FORZ=1TO9:READNT$:P=USR(VARPTR(NT$)):D=2600/PC:F=USR(P):FORZ
1=1TODR:NEXT:NEXTZ:GOTO180
700 FORZ=1TO72:READNT$:P=USR(VARPTR(NT$)):D=3510/PC:F=USR(P):FOR
Z1=1TODR:NEXT:NEXTZ:GOTO180
1000 'DATA FOR CHOPIN "BERCEUSE" TREBLE CLEF
1010 DATAFN4,24,EF4,8,AF5,8,FN4,8,EF4,8,FN4,8,DF4,8,BF4,8,CN4,8,8,
EF4,8,AF4,8,DF4,14,1,8,EF4,GF4,BF5
1020 DATAAF5,GF4,FN4,EF4,DF4,EF4,FN4,CN4,BF4,EF4,AF5,FN4,EF4,FN4
,DF4,BF4,AF4,EF4,AF4,DF4,BF4,EF4,GF4,BF5,AF5,DF5,BF5,GF4,CN5,AF5
1030 DATAFN4,BF5,GF4,EF4,AF5,FN4,EF4,FN4,DF4,BF4,CN4,EF4,4,AF4,F
N3,DF4,EF3,DF3,DF4,EF4,CN4,GF4,BF4,BF5,GF4,AF5,FN4,DF5,EF4,BF5,D
F4,GF4,DN4,CN5,AF4,AF5,AF4,6
1040 DATAAF5,2,AF4,22,AF5,2,AF4,6,AF5,2,AF4,6,FN4,2,AF4,6,EF4,2,
AF4,6,FN4,2,AF4,6,DF4,2,AF4,6,BF4,2,AF4,6,CN4,2,AF4,6,EF4,2,AF4,
6,AF5,2,AF4,6,CN4,2,AF4,6,DF4,2,AF4,6
1045 DATADN4,2,AF4,6,EF4,2,AF4,6,EN4,2,AF4,6,FN4,2,AF4,6,BF5,2,A
F4,6,GN4,2,AF4,6,AF5,2,AF4,6,BF5,2,AF4,6,GF4,1.7,GN4,1.7,AF4,4.6
1050 DATAFN4,1.7,2,1,AF5,BF5,1,2,GN4,AF5,DF5,BF5,FN4,GF4,CN5,AF5
,EN4,FN4,BF5,GF4,DN4,EF4,AF5,FN4,CN4,DF4,GF4,EF4,BN4,CN4,FN4,DF4
,AN4,BF4,EF4,CN4,GN3,AF4,CN4,BF4,GN3,AF4,BF4,CN4,DF4,EF4,FN4,GF4
1060 DATAGN4,AF5,AN5,CF5,BF5,CN5,BN5,DF5,CN5,DN5,DF5,EF5,DN5,FF5

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Program Listing 2 Continues



*"If you hear a sour note  
press Break..."*

350-1220 or merge from your file of music programs. For purposes of merging you might use one of the Merge programs published by Bill Dalesandry or by Dale Rupert in the November 1981 issue of *80 Microcomputing* to good advantage. Keep either one resident in memory where it will not interfere with the resident music generator. Now you can play one piece following another by deleting and merging a new set of music data.

If you type in the "Carmen March," and your typing skill is as aggravating as mine, you will likely have to debug the data of errors. To do this, plug the grey auxiliary lead to your cassette into an auxiliary input of your stereo through an available adapter (from Radio Shack). Switch on your stereo and you are ready to go.

Enter Run and respond to the tempo query with a slow tempo such as 10 and then Enter. If the music plays to the end without a sour note and the tempo query again appears, you have done a perfect job of entering the data. Next, press the Break key and delete lines 155, 185, and 235. Run the program once again but this time at a tempo of 5 which I found best for this piece. After you are satisfied that all is correct, and you wish to save the March in your music files, delete lines 1 through 340 and CSAVE the rest.

If by chance you hear a sour note the first time through, press the Break key as soon as you hear it. The video screen will display the sour note as you entered it along with its B-value. If the note was entered incorrectly edit the correct note in the proper place.

#### Defects and Changes

The program provides many hours of entertainment, but those purists who insist on flawless musical fare may frown upon some imperfections. Perhaps the most glaring of these is the timing in playing of notes (not rests) of widely differing note value. For example, playing 32 1/32nd notes takes perceptively longer than one whole note simply because the 32 1/32nd notes must traverse the Basic overhead 32 times versus once for the whole note. A power equation in line 180 relating P to the duration of the tone, similar to that in line 180 for rests, will not suffice because the calculation adds to the interval of silence between notes. The best solution is to shorten the Basic program as much as possible.

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1070 DATAAF6,FN6,EF6,DF6,FN5,DF6,CN6,BF6,DF5,BF6,AF6,GF5,BF5,GF5
,FN5,EF5,GF4,EF5,DF5,CN5,EF4,CN5,BF5,AF5,6
1075 DATAAF5,8,FN5,12,BF5,3,EF5,2,7,AF5,2,7,DF5,2,7,GF4,2,7,CN5,
2,7,FN4,2,7,BF5,1,7,EF4,1,7,AF5,1,7,DF4,1,7,GF4,1,7,CN4,1,7
1080 DATAFN4,12,CN4,4,FN4,4,BF4,4,FN4,3,BF4,3,FN4,3,BF4,3,FN4,3,
BF4,3,EF4,3,BF4,3,1,2,67,AF4,AN4,BF4,BN4,CN4,DF4,DF4,EN4,FN4
,FS4,GN4,AF5,AN5,BF5,BN5,CN5,DF5
1090 DATADN5,EF5,EN5,FN5,FS5,GN5,AF6,BF6,AF6,BF6,EF5,BF6,DF5,BF6
,CN5,BF6,BF5,BF6,AF5,DF6,6,0,10,1,2,67,DF6,AF5,0,GF5,CN6,0,GF5,E
F4,0,EF5,BF6,0
1100 DATAEF6,EF4,0,DF5,AF6,0,FN5,DF4,0,AN5,FN5,0,EF5,CN4,0,GF4,C
N5,0,AF5,FN3,0,DF4,AF5,0,DF5,AF4,0,GF4,EF5,0,GF5,EF4,0,EF5,BF6,0
1110 DATAEF6,EN4,0,DF5,AF6,0,DF6,AF5,0,GF5,EF6,0,FN6,CN5,0,EF5,C
N6,0,6,DF5,2,DF6,8,67,1,2,67,CN6,CN6,CF6,BF6,BF6,AN6,AF6,AF6,GN5
,GF5,GF5,FN5,FF5,FF5
1120 DATAEF5,DN5,DN5,DF5,CN5,CN5,CF5,BF5,BF5,AN5,AF5,AF5,GN4,GF4
,GF4,FN4,EF4,EN4,AF4,GF4,FN4,AF4,FN4,EF4,AF4,EF4,FN4,AF4,AF5,GF4
,AF4,GF4,FN4,AF4,GF4
1130 DATAAF4,GF4,GN4,AF4,GN4,AF5,AF4,AF5,AN5,AF4,AN5,AF5,AF4,AF5
,GN4,AF4,AF5,GF4,6,FN4,2,0,2,AF5,2,0,2,EF5,2,0,2,EF5,2,0,2,FN5,2
,0,2,GF5,2,0,2,FN5,2,0,2,EF5,2,0,2,CN5,2,0,2,BF5,2,0,2,AF5,2,67,
BF5,2,67,BF5,2,67
1140 DATAAF5,2,0,2,AF5,2,0,2,1,1,75,DF5,0,DF5,0,GF5,0,FN5,0,AF6,
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1,2,AF4,AF5,CN4,BF4,BF4,AF5,DF4,CN4,CN4,AF5
1145 DATAEF4,DF4,BF4,AF5,DF4,CN4,AF5,EF4,DF4,AF5,FN4,EF4
1150 DATADF4,BF5,FN4,FF4,EF4,CN5,GF4,FN4,FF4,DF5,GN4,GF4,FN4,DN5
,AF5,GN4,GF4,EF5,AN5,AF5,GN4,FF5,BF5,AN5,6
1160 DATAFN5,8,2,3,BF5,GF5,BF5,AF5,FN5,AF5,BF5,GF5,BF5,FN4,DF5,F
N4,AF5,FN5,AF5,GF4,EF5,GF4,AF5,FN5,AF5,EF4,CN5,EF4,GF4,EF5,GF4,F
N4,DF5,FN4
1170 DATAGF4,EF5,GF4,DF4,BF5,DF4,FN4,DF5,FN4,EF4,CN5,EF4,FN4,DF5
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,DF4,BF5,DF4,CN4,AF5,CN4
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,CN4,DF4,BF5,DF4,DF4,BN5,DN4,EF4,CN5,EF4,EN4,CS5,EN4,FN4,DN5,FN4
,FS4,EF5,FS4,GN4,EN5,GN4
1190 DATAAF5,FN5,AF5,AN5,FS5,AN5,BF5,GN5,BF5,BN5,AF6,BN5,CN5,AN6
,CN5,DF5,BF6,DF5,DN5,BN6,DN5,EF5,CN6,EF5,EN5,CS6,EN5,FN5,DN6,FN5
,FS5,EF6,FS5,GN5,EN6,GN5
1200 DATAAF6,FN6,FF6,EF6,DF6,CN6,BF6,AF6,GF5,FN5,FF5,EF5,DF5,CN5
,BF5,AF5,GF4,FN4,FF4,EF4,DF4,CN4,CF4,2,2,2,AN4,BF4,AF4,AF4,BF4,2
,4,FN3,AF4,DF4,FN4,BF5,AF5,AF5,AF5,BF6,AF6,2,0,2
1205 DATABF4,2,2,1,AF4,BF4,2,4,GN3,AF4,EF4,GF4,BF5,AF5,AF5,AF5,B
F6,AF6,2,0,2
1210 DATA2,5,DF6,BF6,DF6,AF6,DF6,FN5,DF6,GF5,DF6,FN5,DF6,DF5,DF6
,FN5,CN6,DF5,CF6,FN5,BF6,CN5,AN6,GF5,AF6,CN5,GN5,EF5,GF5,AN5,FN5
,CN5,EF5,AF5,GF5,GF4,CN5,AF5
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,CN5,DF4,CF5,FN4,BF5,CN4,AN5,GF4,AF5,CN4,GN4,EF4,GF4,AN4,FN4,CN4
,EF4,AF4,GF4,GF3,CN4,AF4
1230 DATADF4,16,DF4,8,CN4,4,DF4,4,EF4,4,GF4,4,BF5,4,BF4,4,AF4,16
,AF4,8,GF3,4,AF4,4,CN4,4,EF4,4,GF4,4,GF3,4,FN3,4,0,4,AF5,4,GN4,4
,AF5,4,BF5,4,AF5,4,CN4,4,GF4,4,CN5,4,GF5,4
1240 DATAFN5,4,EF5,4,DF5,4,FN4,4,AF5,4,CN5,4,BF5,4,GF4,4,EF4,4,B
F4,4,CN4,4,EF4,4,AF4,24,1,2,67,GN3,AF4,BF4,CN4,DF4,EF4,FN4,GF4,B
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,FN4,EF4,DF4,CN4,BF4,AF4,6
1260 DATADF4,24,1,4,CF4,DF4,FN4,BF5,AF5,EF4,CF4,FN3,CF4,EF4,AF4,DF4,CF4,DF4,FN4
,AF5,CF5,DF5
1270 DATAEF5,GF5,FN5,EF5,CF5,AF5,EF4,GF4,FN4,DF4,CF4,AF4,6,BF4,2
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5,EF5,DF5
1280 DATAFN5,EF5,BF5,CN5,EF5,DF5,AF5,BF5,DF5,CN5,GF4,AF5,CN5,BF5
,FN4,GF4,BF5,AF5,EF4,FN4,AF5,GF4,DF4,EF4,6,FN4,24,1,8,EF4,AF5,FN
4,EF4,FN4,DF4,BF4,DF4,AF4
1290 DATABF4,DF4,AF4,GF3,DF4,FN3,0,0,0,FN3,AF4,EF3,EF3,AF4,DF3,0
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*"...allow space for  
'Carmen' and the whole  
opera..."*

need of the periodfinding portion of the machine language, results in a barely perceptible improvement in melodic quality. Alter the program to read periods directly only if you need the 980 bytes of machine code for extra long music in your Basic program. The rewards in improved sound reaching the ear are not worth the pain of having to look up the period for each note as it is typed into the data.

If you have a 32K or 48K system, you will want to locate the Piano Keyboard and Music Generator in uppermost memory to allow space not only for the "Carmen March" but perhaps for the whole opera. If you do this, be sure to respond to the memory size query, on power up, to the start of the new location minus one. Also POKE the new USR entry for periodfinding (line 170) at the new starting location of Piano Keyboard, and the new USR entry for the Tone Generator (line 310) at 980 memory locations beyond.

One other shortcoming that the musical purist may find objectionable is lack of shading in loud and soft passages. Although the tone frequency is adjustable, I found no way to vary the amplitude in the software. One way that produced a reasonably good crescendo or diminuendo is to use your tape deck if you have one attached to your stereo. Follow the music while recording from the computer and manually adjust the recording level for loudness and softness. After two or three attempts, you could find something that sounds pretty fair on playback.

If you do have an operational cassette tape deck on your stereo, you also may enjoy the opportunity to play more than one voice with music generated by the computer. You can, for example, record the bass of your music and then play back through one side of your stereo. Simultaneously play through the second input of the stereo your computer-generated treble. You will find the note-value and rest relationship timing about perfect for synchronizing the two voices in most cases. A problem may occur if one voice contains many more notes per measure than the other because of the defect in timing cited above. If you take the time to experiment with the treble by changing the timing constant (the 0.2 in line 130 of the Basic program) you will be rewarded with good synchronization and hours of musical enjoyment. ■

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For twenty years I tried to play that instrument, but with limited success. I never liked tediously deciphering and memorizing one chord at a time. I was even more frustrated when I witnessed professional performers effortlessly moving their fingers to produce the most beautiful music.

After becoming fairly proficient with my TRS-80, I decided there must be a way to take some of the tedium out of learning to play the guitar. The program I will describe is the result of over a year of continuous refinement on my initial effort.

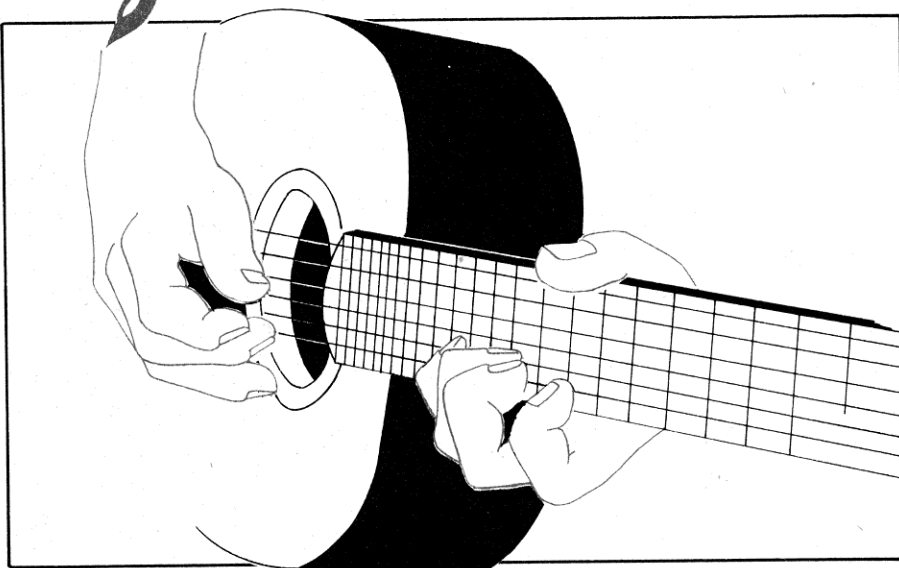
Because of the program, learning a new song is now a matter of one session rather than weeks of practice. Although not my original intent, I have found the use of this program as an educational tool even more effective than its application as a chord finder.

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There are many chord forms. This multiplicity helps explain why it is not easy to learn to play the guitar.

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There are some compensating factors when comparing the guitar to other instruments. The guitar is one of the few instruments that allows you to play in any key signature by merely moving your hand up or down a few frets, providing the original chord did not contain any "open" notes (notes which required no fret fingered on a string).

(This is analogous to a machine language program that is completely relocatable, providing all jumps are relative and do not exceed the top memory address.)

I implemented these factors as a set of routines which convert conventional chord name and melody note inputs to finger positions on a schematic representation of the guitar keyboard.

The program has the following capabilities: You can enter up to 40 chords in any sequence.

Entry is in the standard format found on most published sheet music. A null input (entry without first entering an alphanumeric) is used for any element you need not specify. For example, you would enter a B-flat minor seventh (B bm 7) chord as follows:

B <Enter>  
B <Enter>  
M <Enter>  
7 <Enter>

You would enter a C chord as:

C <Enter>  
<Enter>  
<Enter>  
<Enter>

There will always be four <Enters> per chord, but as few as one or as many as four specifiers.

You enter the melody notes as shown in this example. You would enter A-sharp (A#) as:

A <Enter>  
# <Enter>

You would enter G as:

G <Enter>  
<Enter>

Thus there are always two <Enters> for each melody note but as few as one specifier. Program prompts should make this clear. When 40 chords have been processed or when you enter x, the program reverts to the menu.

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chords, there are a number of program options. You can display the chords on the screen with a variable time delay between chords. You can produce a printout of any chord if you press H while it is displayed.

You can repeat the chord display sequence by entering a new time delay number followed by ,1.

The display sequence will end if after a sequence is completed you enter any number followed by ,0.

You can store a sequence of chords and its associated song name on cassette. (You can substitute disk storage as a sequential file, but you must change program constants for the machine language portion to make room for your DOS Basic.)

To use the program, save memory at 29778. CLOAD the program. Use menu item one to create as many chords and associated melody notes as you desire (up to 40 chords).

Menu item one will ask you for a key and a song name. Answer the key question with C if you do not want to transpose (even if the song you are entering is in some other key). Input the other key names (C# to B) to

offset your chord entries by an appropriate amount. For example, if you enter a song written in C with a key of F, the chords will show up on the fret matrix display as if the song were in F. If you enter a song written in Eb with a key of F, the fret matrix will display the song in Ab. This may sound complex if you know little music theory. You can always use C as a key name and not worry about it, but if you like automatic transposition, the feature is helpful.

When you have entered one or more chords and melody notes, you may go back to the menu by entering x instead of a chord name. At this point you may display or save your chord sequence. If you choose to display, please pay attention to the prompts. It takes a little time to POKE the chord elements into memory.

When the fret matrix appears, be sure to enter only those numbers asked for. If you enter strings or commands at this time, the fret matrix will be broken up and you will have to go back to the menu.

The first time the fret matrix appears, enter a number from 1-256 (not zero unless you want a very long delay). This is a time

value (an entry of 10 equals about three seconds). This is the length of time each chord is displayed.

As soon as you have done this, the chords will appear one by one on the fret matrix background, until all have been displayed. At that time you may enter another number (again for display length) followed by ,1. If you enter ,0 the program will return to the menu.

During each chord display, you can get a printout of that particular chord by pressing H. You must have a printer ready and, if you have a serial RS-232 interface, its driver must be in place.

A typical display appears in Fig. 1. The asterisks across the top of the diagram represent the six strings and those down the sides represent the frets with numbering on every other fret to avoid clutter. In this diagram, one F tells you to hold down

### Program Listing 1

```
10 CLS: PRINTCHR$(23):PRINT @ 200,"G-U-I-T-A-R":FOR B=1 TO 200:NEXT B:CLR
500
20 ZA% = 29779
30 FOR ZI% = 29779 TO 30062
40 READ ZI%: POKE ZA%,ZI%: IF ZA%=32767 THEN ZA%=-32768 ELSE ZA%=ZA%+1
50 NEXT ZI%: GOTO 250
60 DATA 205,127,10,34,111,117,33,14,10,34,113,117,237,98,34
70 DATA 115,117,34,117,117,237,91,113,117,33,175,117,25,17,21
80 DATA 61,1,66,0,237,160,226,175,116,217,62,5,33,117,117,190
90 DATA 40,5,17,4,0,24,14,42,117,117,1,6,0,237,66,34,117,117
100 DATA 17,44,0,42,115,117,25,34,115,117,17,21,61,25,34,121
110 DATA 117,33,117,117,52,217,237,91,121,117,24,198,58,111
120 DATA 117,71,17,255,255,33,222,57,25,56,253,205,39,117,16
130 DATA 242,33,21,61,54,32,34,119,117,237,91,119,117,19,1,20
140 DATA 0,237,176,1,45,0,9,34,119,117,237,75,119,117,17,249
150 DATA 63,237,82,250,232,116,24,5,237,98,9,24,215,42,113,117
160 DATA 17,66,0,237,82,34,113,117,40,9,33,112,117,53,40,3,195
170 DATA 95,116,201,33,125,117,54,32,34,119,117,237,91,119,117
180 DATA 19,1,130,10,237,176,201,0,0,0,0,0,0,32,0,32,0,32
190 DATA 0,0,0,42,38,64,34,92,117,34,100,117,58,2,56,254,1
200 DATA 192,245,197,213,229,33,128,60,22,13,6,64,78,62,95,145
210 DATA 56,9,121,14,32,145,56,7,78,24,11,14,42,24,7,126,254
220 DATA 13,40,10,24,245,205,0,0,35,16,224,14,13,205,0,0,21
230 DATA 194,63,117,225,209,193,241,201
250 DIM M(40):DIM F(40):DIMS(40):DIM NC(40):DIM N1$(40):DIM N2$(40):DIM N4$
(40):DIM N5$(40):DIM N(40):DIM T(40)
260 DIM KES(12):DIM NES(12):DIM GT(6,13)
270 DATA A,2,B,4,C,5,D,7,E,9,F,10,G,12
280 FOR OT=0 TO 6
290 FOR UM=0 TO 1
300 READ WNS(OT,UM)
310 NEXT UM,OT
320 DATA F,GB,G,AB,A,BB,B,C,DB,D,EB,E
330 DATA 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12
340 DATA 5,10,3,8,12,5
350 DATA 6,11,4,9,1,6
360 DATA 7,12,5,10,2,7
370 DATA 8,1,6,11,3,8
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Program Listing 1 continues

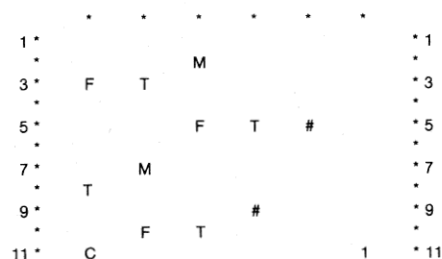


Figure 1

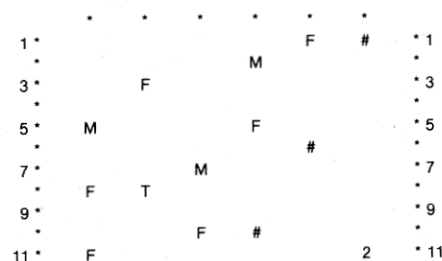


Figure 2

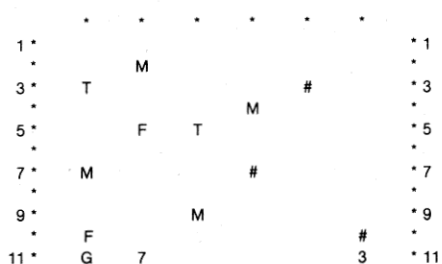


Figure 3



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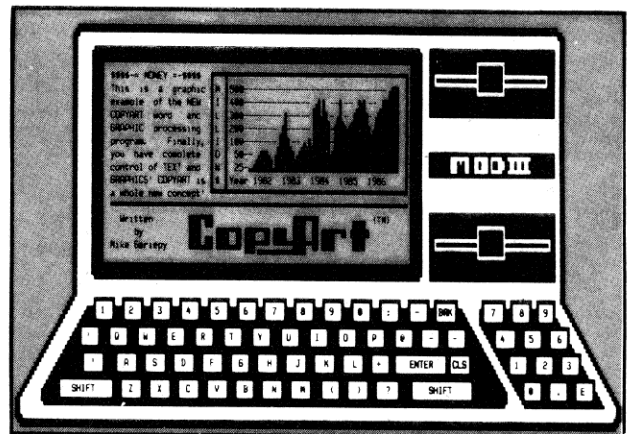
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For those of you with some musical background, the alphanumerices indicate these parts of the chord:

# = melody note  
T = root  
M = third  
F = fifth  
S = seventh or ninth

This information is not necessary to use the program. If this display confuses you, you can change the program at lines 2820-3050 (see Program Listing 1) so all POKE alphas are the decimal equivalent of whatever you desire. For example, if you want all xs, replace the various ASCII decimals with 88.

At the bottom of each chord display, fret eleven, is the chord number in the sequence and the name of the chord.

I suggest that to get started you use a two or three chord sequence until you become familiar with the system. For example, a common sequence used in Latin songs consists of C, F and G7 repeated over and over. Enter these just once followed by an X. Use melody notes E, F and D respectively. The results should be as shown in Figs. 1-3.

### Program Description

Lines 20-230 POKE the machine language portion (thanks to Ron Cain in the May 1981 issue of *80 Microcomputing* for making this an easy task with his Encoder program).

The menu resides in lines 570-640.

Look at the ON GOTO statements, and you will see that each segment is in the lines as shown:

Create	line 950
Cassette Save	line 3470
Display	line 3070
Instructions	line 650
Cassette load	line 3390

Create (line 950) is a conversion routine which changes the chord name input to array elements representing each chord and melody note. These arrays are saved to or loaded from the cassette (or disk if you make that conversion). These arrays are also a basis for the display.

### Program Listing 1 continued

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380 DATA 9,2,7,12,4,9
390 DATA 10,3,8,1,5,10
400 DATA 11,4,9,2,6,11
410 DATA 12,5,10,3,7,12
420 DATA 1,6,11,4,8,1
430 DATA 2,7,12,5,9,2
440 DATA 3,8,1,6,10,3
450 DATA 4,9,2,7,11,4
460 DATA 5,10,3,8,12,5
470 FOR X=1 TO 12
480 READ KE$(X)
490 NEXT X
500 FOR Q=1 TO 12
510 READ NE$(Q)
520 NEXT Q
530 FOR R=1 TO 13
540 FORC=1 TO 6
550 READ GT(C,R)
560 NEXT C,R
570 PRINT @ 530,"BY EDWARD LOUIS":FOR B=1 TO 1000:NEXT B
580 CLS:PRINT @ 74,"**MENU**":PRINT:PRINT
590 CLS:PRINT "TO ENTER NEW SONG TYPE 1"
600 PRINT "TO SAVE SONG ON CASSETTE TYPE 2"
610 PRINT "TO DISPLAY SONG TYPE 3"
620 PRINT "TO LOAD SONG FROM CASSETTE TYPE 5"
630 PRINT "TO DISPLAY INSTRUCTIONS TYPE 4"
640 INPUT Q: ON Q GOTO 950,3470,3070,650,3390
650 CLS:PRINT "THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS THE STORAGE, DISPLAY,"
660 PRINT "AND/OR HARD COPY OF GUITAR CHORDS PLUS AN ASSO-"
670 PRINT "CIATED MELODY NOTE FOR UP TO 40 CHORDS IN A SEQU-"
680 PRINT "ENCE. THE DISPLAY AND HARD COPY PROVIDE UP TO"
690 PRINT "THREE SETS OF FINGERING FOR EACH CHORD AND MELODY"
700 PRINT "NOTE. THIS PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY AND AN EASY LEARNING/"
710 PRINT "MEMORIZATION TECHNIQUE THAT EVENTUALLY LEADS TO"
720 PRINT "A GOOD FAMILIARITY WITH THE GUITAR KEYBOARD"
730 PRINT "CHORDS ARE ENTERED WITH STANDARD NOTATION"
740 PRINT "AS SEEN ON MOST SHEET MUSIC. THE CHORD SHOULD BE"
750 PRINT "ENTERED FOLLOWED BY AN ASSOCIATED MELODY NOTE."
760 PRINT "THIS SEQUENCE IS REPEATED FOR EACH COMBINATION"
770 PRINT "OF CHORD AND MELODY NOTE. IF DESIRED, A NULL INPUT"
780 PRINT "WILL BE ALLOWED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL CHORD OR MELODY NOTE. "
790 PRINT:INPUT "****TO SEE MORE INSTRUCTIONS,PRESS <ENTER>****";X
800 CLS:PRINT "AN EXAMPLE OF CHORD NOTATION IS 'CM7' WHICH "
810 PRINT "IS READ AS C MINOR SEVENTH. THIS EXAMPLE WOULD BE"
820 PRINT "ENTERED AS C,NULL,M,7. IF A SEQUENCE OF LESS"
830 PRINT "THAN 40 CHORDS IS DESIRED, AN <X> WILL END THE"
840 PRINT "SEQUENCE."
850 PRINT "CHORDS WILL BE DISPLAYED SEQUENTIALLY AT"
860 PRINT "THE RATE SELECTED AND WILL REPEAT AS A COMPLETE"
870 PRINT "SEQUENCE ON REQUEST. RAM CONTENTS ARE DESTROYED ON"
880 PRINT "RESTARTING THE PROGRAM SEQUENCE BUT IF THE SONG IS"
890 PRINT "SAVED ON DISK OR CASSETTE IT CAN BE RELOADED. "
900 PRINT "HARD COPY CAN BE OBTAINED FOR EACH CHORD"
910 PRINT "BY PRESSING <H> DURING THE TIME DELAY AFTER EACH"
920 PRINT "CHORD IS DISPLAYED ."
930 PRINT:INPUT "END OF INSTRUCTIONS,***TO RETURN TO MENU PRESS <ENTER>***";X
940 GOTO 580
950 CLS:PRINT "LOADING CHORD DATA"
960 INPUT "KEY";KS
970 INPUT "NAME OF SONG";YS$
980 POKE 16526,4:POKE 16527,117
990 X=USR(N)
1000 US$="":N1$=""
1010 Z1=2640
1020 INPUT "1ST ELEMENT OF CHORD 'EXAMPLE C,B,A,D,G'";N1$
1030 IF N1$="X" THEN 1040 ELSE 1050
1040 NL=NC:GOTO 580
1050 GOSUB 3270
1060 N2$="":US$=""
1070 CLS:INPUT "2ND ELEMENT OF CHORD,'# FOR SHARP,B FOR FLAT,NULL FOR NATURA"
1080 IF N2$="#" THEN 1110
1090 IF N2$="B" THEN 1120
1100 GOTO 1130
1110 N2=1:GOTO 1140
1120 N2=-1:GOTO 1140
1130 N2=0:GOTO 1140
1140 N3=N1+N2
1150 IF N3=13 THEN N3=1
1160 US$=STR$(N3)
1170 V$="":N4$=""

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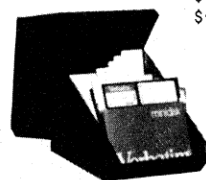
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1180 CLS:INPUT"3RD ELEMENT OF CHORD,NULL FOR NORMAL,M FOR MINOR,O FOR DIMIN
ISHED,+ FOR AUGMENTED";N4$
1190 IF N4$="+" THEN 1230

1200 IF N4$="O" THEN 1230
1210 IF N4$="M" THEN 1240
1220 IF N4$=" " THEN 1250
1230 V$=N4$:GOTO 1260
1240 V$="3":GOTO 1260
1250 V$="0":N5$=" "
1260 CLS:INPUT"4TH CHORD ELEMENT,NULL FOR NONE,7 FOR SEVENTH,D FOR MAJOR SE
VENTH,9 FOR NINTH";N5$
1270 IF N5$="9" THEN 1310
1280 IF N5$="7" THEN 1310
1290 IF N5$="D" THEN 1310
1300 IF N5$=" " THEN 1320
1310 W$=N5$:GOTO 1330
1320 W$="0"
1330 CLS:INPUT"FIRST ELEMENT OF MELODY NOTE, 'EX.=A,B,C,D,ETC.'";N6$
1340 GOSUB 3320
1350 N7$=" "
1360 CLS:INPUT"2ND ELEMENT OF MELODY NOTE,# FOR SHARP,B FOR FLAT,NULL FOR N
ATURAL";N7$
1370 IF N7$="#" THEN 1400
1380 IF N7$="B" THEN 1410
1390 IF N7$=" " THEN 1420
1400 N7=1:GOTO 1430
1410 N7=-1:GOTO 1430
1420 N7=0:GOTO 1430
1430 N8=N7+N6
1440 IF N8=13 THEN N8=1
1450 N$=STR$(N8)
1460 CLS
1470 FOR X=1 TO 12
1480 IF KE$(X)=K$ THEN 2640
1490 NEXT X
1500 FOR Q=1 TO 12
1510 IF VAL(N$)=VAL(NE$(Q)) THEN 2670
1520 NEXT Q
1530 IF VAL(U$)=0 THEN 3130
1540 FOR Q=1 TO 12
1550 IF VAL(NE$(Q))=VAL(U$) THEN 2690
1560 NEXT Q
1570 IF T>12 THEN T=T-12
1580 IF VAL(V$)=3 THEN M=3+T
1590 IF VAL(V$)=3 THEN F=7+T
1600 IF V$="+" THEN M=4+T
1610 IF V$="+" THEN F=8+T
1620 IF V$="+" THEN 1680
1630 IF V$="O" THEN M=3+T
1640 IF V$="O" THEN F=6+T
1650 IF V$="O" THEN 1680
1660 IF VAL(V$)=0 THEN M=4+T
1670 IF VAL(V$)=0 THEN F=7+T
1680 IF VAL(W$)=7 THEN S=10+T
1690 IF W$="D" THEN S=11+T
1700 IF VAL(W$)=9 THEN S=10+T
1710 IF W$="D" THEN 1730
1720 IF VAL(W$)=0 THEN S=0
1730 IF M>12 THEN M=M-12
1740 IF F>12 THEN F=F-12
1750 IF S>12 THEN S=S-12
1760 IF N>12 THEN N=N-12
1770 NC=41-21/66
1780 Z1=Z1-66:IF Z1=0 THEN 580
1790 T(NC)=T:M(NC)=M:F(NC)=F:S(NC)=S:N(NC)=N:NC(NC)=NC:N1$(NC)=N1$:N2$(NC)=
N2$:N4$(NC)=N4$:N5$(NC)=N5$
1800 PRINT "YOU HAVE INPUT ";NC;"CHORDS"
1810 PRINT "NEXT CHORD OR 'X' TO END SEQUENCE":GOTO 1020
1820 CLS
1830 PRINT @ 301,"1":PRINT @ 271,"1"
1840 PRINT @ 429,"3":PRINT @ 399,"3"
1850 PRINT @ 557,"5":PRINT @ 527,"5"
1860 PRINT @ 685,"7":PRINT @ 655,"7"
1870 PRINT @ 813,"9":PRINT @ 783,"9"
1880 PRINT @ 941,"11":PRINT @ 911,"11"
1890 FOR D=13 TO 46 STEP 3
1900 SET(35,D)
1910 NEXT D
1920 FOR E=42 TO 82 STEP 8
1930 SET(E,10)
1940 NEXT E
1950 FOR E=13 TO 47 STEP 3
1960 SET(86,E)
1970 NEXT E
1980 POKE 16526,83:POKE 16527,116
1990 PRINT@1,"*";YY$
2000 NC=40-21/66:INPUT"INPUT TIMER,MAX 255,10=3 SEC.";TL
2010 N=NC*256+TL
2020 X=USR(N)
2030 PRINT@1,"*";YY$
2040 INPUT"ENTER 'TIMER LENGTH','1' FOR CHORD RECYCLE,'0' FOR MENU";TL,CR
2050 IF CR=1 THEN 2010 ELSE 580
2060 FOR C=4 TO 6
2070 FOR R=1 TO 11
2080 IF GT(C,R)=N THEN 2710
2090 NEXT R,C
2100 IF XX<1 THEN XX=1
2110 IF XX=1 THEN YY=4
2120 IF ZZ<1 THEN ZZ=1
2130 IF ZZ=1 THEN AA=4

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Program Listing 1 continues

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BASIC Program size (WITHOUT VARIABLES)	: 895 BYTES
ZBASIC Program size (WITHOUT VARIABLES)	: 2733 BYTES

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10 '===== ZBASIC 2.2 EXAMPLE PROGRAM AND TIME TEST=====
20 CLS: CLEAR 100: DEFINT A-X: DEFSTR Z: DIM AA(64,24), Z(50): RANDOM
30 AA=100: BB=-1000: CC=3: DD=-3: EE=-9999: ST$="START TIME "+TIME$
40 FOR I=1 TO 127 STEP 2 : FOR J=47 TO 1 STEP -3: XX=POINT(I,J): SET(I,J)
50 XX=(I-J)/CC*(7+I+J) : XX=ABS(INT(RND(I*J)-AA)+7) : RESET(I,J)
60 XX=PEEK(I+J) : POKE 15360+I+J, J : OUT 255, J AND (3*J) : XX=INP(I)
70 AB$=STR$(I+J) : BA$=LEFT$(AB$, 2) : AA(I/2, J/2)=VAL(BA$)+AA*3
80 BA$=BA$+RIGHT$(BA$, RND(3)) : XX=INSTR(1, BA$, "9") : XX=SQR(I*J)
90 BA$=MID$(BA$, 2, 2) : MID$(BA$, 1, 1)=Z : IF XX THEN 100 ELSE CLS
100 IF LEN(BA$)>3 OR SGN(XX)=1 AND ASC(BA$)=32 THEN PRINT "+++" :
110 IF POS(0) 62 THEN TRON: TROFF: PRINT ELSE XX=NOT(RND(99))+100
120 A$=INKEY$: IF A$="Y" OR A$="y" AND I>120 THEN PRINT "TRUE.."
130 RESTORE : READ A, C, Z(J), D: GOSUB 170: GOSUB 170: GOSUB 170: GOTO 210
140 NEXT : PRINT "*" : NEXT I: CLS: PRINT 512, ST$, "STOP TIME "+TIME$
150 STOP' ===== END OF MAIN TEST LOOP =====
160 DATA 12345, -1, "TEST", -9999
170 ON RND(6) GOTO 180, 190, 200, 180, 190, 200
180 RETURN
190 RETURN
200 RETURN
210 ON RND(9) GOSUB 180, 190, 200, 180, 190, 200, 180, 190, 200
220 GOTO 140
  
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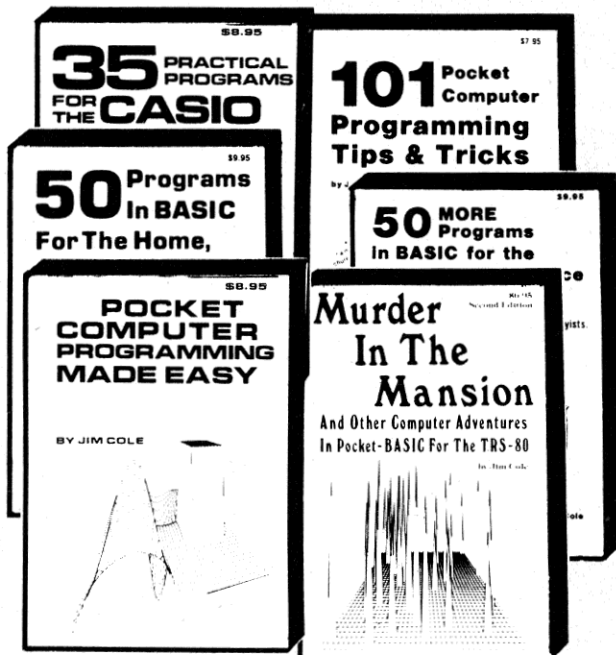
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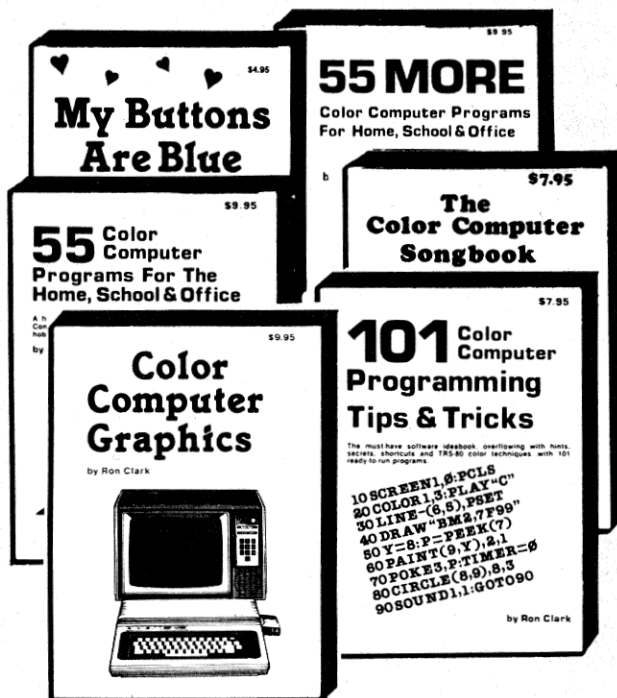
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2140 IF BB<1 THEN BB=1
2150 IF BB=1 THEN CC=4
2160 FOR R=XX TO YY
2170 FOR C=1 TO 3
2180 QQ=30060+z1+c+6*(R-1)
2190 IF GT(C,R)=T THEN 2830
2200 IF GT(C,R)=M THEN 2850
2210 IF GT(C,R)=F THEN 2870
2220 IF GT(C,R)=S THEN 2890
2230 NEXT C,R
2240 FOR R=ZZ TO AA
2250 FOR C=1 TO 4
2260 QQ=30060+z1+c+6*(R-1)
2270 IF GT(C,R)=T THEN 2910
2280 IF GT(C,R)=M THEN 2930
2290 IF GT(C,R)=F THEN 2950
2300 IF GT(C,R)=S THEN 2970
2310 NEXT C,R
2320 FOR R=BB TO CC
2330 FOR C=1 TO 5
2340 QQ=30060+z1+c+6*(R-1)
2350 IF GT(C,R)=M THEN 3010
2360 IF GT(C,R)=F THEN 3030
2370 IF GT(C,R)=S THEN 3050
2380 NEXT C,R
2390 TQ=ASC(N1$)
2400 POKE (30121+z1),TQ
2410 IF N2$="" THEN TQ=32 ELSE TQ=ASC(N2$)
2420 POKE (30122+z1),TQ
2430 IF N4$="" THEN TQ=32 ELSE TQ=ASC(N4$)
2440 POKE (30123+z1),TQ
2450 IF N5$="" THEN TQ=32 ELSE TQ=ASC(N5$)
2460 POKE (30124+z1),TQ
2470 IF NC>10 THEN 2500
2480 POKE (30125+z1),NC+48
2490 GOTO 2610
2500 IF NC>20 THEN 2540
2510 POKE (30126+z1),49
2520 NC=NC-10
2530 GOTO 2470
2540 IF NC>30 THEN 2580
2550 POKE (30126+z1),50
2560 NC=NC-20
2570 GOTO 2470
2580 POKE (30126+z1),51
2590 NC=NC-30
2600 GOTO 2470
2610 GOTO 2620
2620 Z1=Z1-66:CLS:PRINT "YOU HAVE NOW STORED";40-Z1/66;"CHORDS, WAIT FOR TH
E FRET DISPLAY!"
2630 RETURN
2640 K=X-1
2650 K=X-1
2660 GOTO 1500
2670 N=Q+K
2680 GOTO 1530
2690 T=Q+K
2700 GOTO 1570
2710 O=30060+z1+c+6*(R-1)
2720 POKE O,35
2730 IF C=4 THEN XX=R-2
2740 IF C=4 THEN YY=R+2
2750 IF YY>10 THEN YY=10
2760 IF C=5 THEN ZZ=R-2
2770 IF C=5 THEN AA=R+2
2780 IF AA>10 THEN AA=10
2790 IF C=6 THEN BB=R-2
2800 IF C=6 THEN CC=R+2
2810 IF CC>10 THEN CC=10
2820 GOTO 2090
2830 POKE QQ,84
2840 GOTO 2230
2850 POKE QQ,77
2860 GOTO 2230
2870 POKE QQ,70
2880 GOTO 2230
2890 POKE QQ,83
2900 GOTO 2230
2910 POKE QQ,84
2920 GOTO 2310
2930 POKE QQ,77
2940 GOTO 2310
2950 POKE QQ,70
2960 GOTO 2310
2970 POKE QQ,83
2980 GOTO 2310
2990 POKE QQ,84
3000 GOTO 2380
3010 POKE QQ,77
3020 GOTO 2380
3030 POKE QQ,70
3040 GOTO 2380
3050 POKE QQ,83
3060 GOTO 2380
3070 Z1=2640:PRINT "STORING CHORDS FOR DISPLAY,ALLOW COMPUTER TO WORK UNTIL
YOU SEE THE FRET DISPLAY":IF NL=0 THEN 580
3080 FOR YL=1 TO NL
3090 M=M(YL):F=F(YL):S=S(YL):N=N(YL):NC=NC(YL):N1$=N1$(YL):N2$=N2$(YL):N4$=
N4$(YL):N5$=N5$(YL):T=T(YL)

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3100 GOSUB2060
3110 NEXT YL
3120 FOR B =1 TO 300:NEXT B:GOTO1820
3130 INPUT"4 NOTES, 0'S WILL BE SKIPPED MUST BE IN 1 TO 12 FORMAT";T,M,F,S
3140 IF T=0 THEN 3160
3150 T=T+K
3160 IF M=0 THEN 3180
3170 M=M+K
3180 IF F=0 THEN 3200
3190 F=F+K
3200 IF S=0 THEN 3220
3210 S=S+K
3220 IF T>12 THEN T=T-12
3230 IF M>12 THEN M=M-12
3240 IF F>12 THEN F=F-12
3250 IF S>12 THEN S=S-12
3260 GOTO1760
3270 FOR OT=0 TO 6
3280 FOR UM=0 TO 1
3290 IF N1$=WNS(OT,UM) THEN 3310
3300 NEXT UM,OT
3310 N1=VAL(WNS(OT,UM+1)):RETURN
3320 FOR OT=0 TO 6
3330 FOR UM=0 TO 1
3340 IF N6$=WNS(OT,UM) THEN 3360
3350 NEXT UM,OT
3360 N6=VAL(WNS(OT,UM+1)):RETURN
3370 GOTO10
3380 GOTO3370
3390 INPUT "CASSETTE LOAD,READY CASSETTE";X
3400 POKE 16526,4:POKE 16527,117
3410 X=USR(N)
3420 INPUT#-1,YY$,NL
3430 FOR YL=1 TO NL
3440 INPUT#-1,M(YL),F(YL),S(YL),N1$(YL),N2$(YL),N4$(YL),N5$(YL),N(YL),T(YL),
NC(YL)
3450 NEXT YL
3460 GOTO580
3470 INPUT"CASSETTE SAVE,READY CASSETTE";X
3480 PRINT #-1,YY$,NL
3490 FOR YL=1 TO NL
3500 PRINT#-1,M(YL),F(YL),S(YL),N1$(YL),N2$(YL),N4$(YL),N5$(YL),N(YL),T(YL),
NC(YL)
3510 NEXT YL
3520 GOTO580

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Program Listing 2

7453	00100	ORG	7453H	
7453	CD7F0A	CALL	0A7FH	;GET TL,NC
7456	226F75	LD	(756FH),HL	;STORE TL NC
7459	210E0A	LD	HL,0A0EH	;INIT. Z1
745C	227175	LD	(7571H),HL	;STORE Z1
745F	ED62	SBC	HL,HL	;INIT M1,N1
7461	227375	LD	(7573H),HL	;STORE M1,N1
7464	227575	LD	(7575H),HL	
7467	ED5B7175	LD	DE,(7571H)	;RETRIEVE Z1
746B	21AF75	LD	HL,75AFH	;INIT BOTTOM BLK
746E	19	ADD	HL,DE	;BTM BLK+Z1
746F	11153D	LD	DE,3D15H	;DEST ADDR
7472	014200	LD	BC,0042H	;66 COUNT
7475	EDA0	LDI		
7477	E2AF74	JP	PO,TIME	;TO TIMER AFTER 66
747A	D9	EXX		
747B	3E05	LD	A,05H	;TEST N1
747D	217575	LD	HL,7575H	
7480	BE	CP	(HL)	;5-N1=?
7481	2805	JR	Z,REN1	;IF N1=5 GOTO 44
7483	110400	LD	DE,0004H	;INC BY 4
7486	180E	JR	INCM1	;GOTO M1 INC
7488	2A7575	LD	HL,(7575H)	;RESET N1
748B	010600	LD	BC,0006H	
748E	ED42	SBC	HL,BC	
7490	227575	LD	(7575H),HL	
7493	112C00	LD	DE,002CH	;44 INC

Program Listing 2 continues

This portion of the program uses a mapping technique to translate chord names to notes and notes to the matrix of locations representing the guitar fret keyboard. Key is a weighting function that moves the entire chord structure up or down the fret matrix.

The Display portion (line 3070) uses the array elements of each chord to generate a set of addresses to POKE. This creates a screen block of memory for each chord and melody note along with its name and number. Later, the machine language portion calls each screen and superimposes it on the fret matrix for the time specified.

You may repeat a display sequence or return to the menu. The arrays are still intact for saving on cassette or re-displaying unless you select menu item one (Create).

The machine language portion (see Program Listing 2) has three major functions:

- Whenever you select Create, the erase portion of this program clears 40 screen spaces in memory.

- During the Display program, after you have entered a time constant, the program selects screens one at a time and transfers them to video memory. When the timer runs out, that screen is erased and the next one is transferred until all have been displayed.

- During the time delay of each screen, the keyboard is monitored for an H input. If this occurs, a modified screen print occurs, sending the required part of the display to the printer (thanks to Louise Frankenberg in the May 1980 *80 Microcomputing* article "Screenprint").

This program barely fits into a 16K tape system. (Disk users need 32K—read on.) If you modify the program, keep this in mind: Very little room is left between the machine language program and storage space for 40 screens (which starts at the top of available memory) and the Basic program plus variables.

### Modifying the Program for Disk

First, use standard sequential file storage techniques for the chord arrays. Second, move the entire machine language portion to the top of 32K memory (look out for TRSDOS "TOP MEM"). Third, change to DEFUSR statements and reference the proper addresses. Fourth, let the Basic portion load where it will. There should be no conflicts if you take care of the first three steps. ■

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Program Listing 2 Continued

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7496 2A7375 00370 INCM1 LD HL,(7573H) ;INC M1
7499 19 00380 ADD HL,DE
749A 227375 00390 LD (7573H),HL
749D 11153D 00400 LD DE,3D15H
74A0 19 00410 ADD HL,DE ;NEW DEST ADDR
74A1 227975 00420 LD (7579H),HL
74A4 217575 00430 LD HL,7575H
74A7 34 00440 INC (HL) ;INC N1
74A8 D9 00450 EXX
74A9 ED5B7975 00460 LD DE,(7579H) ;UPDATE DEST ADDR
74AD 18C6 00470 JR TRANS
74AF 3A6F75 00480 LD A,(756FH) ;TIMER
74B2 47 00490 LD B,A
74B3 11FFFF 00500 LD DE,0FFFFH
74B6 21DE39 00510 LD HL,39DEH
74B9 19 00520 LP2 ADD HL,DE
74BA 38FD 00530 JR C,LP2
74BC CD2775 00540 CALL SCRP ;INPUT KEY
74BF 10F2 00550 DJNZ LP1
74C1 21153D 00560 LD HL,3D15H ;IST ERASE ADDR
74C4 3620 00570 LD (HL),20H ;'SPACE'
74C6 227775 00580 LD (7577H),HL ;XFER DEST ADDR
74C9 ED5B7775 00590 LD DE,(7577H) ;TO DE
74CD 13 00600 INC DE
74CE 011400 00610 LD BC,0014H ;20 COUNT
74D1 EDB0 00620 LDIR
74D3 012D00 00630 LD BC,002DH
74D6 09 00640 ADD HL,BC
74D7 227775 00650 LD (7577H),HL ;NEW S.A. TO MEM
74DA ED4B7775 00660 LD BC,(7577H) ;NEW S. A. TO BC
74DE 11F93F 00670 LD DE,3FF9H ;END BLOCK
74E1 ED52 00680 SBC HL,DE ;COMPARE TO EXTANT ADDR
74E3 FAEB74 00690 JP M,AA16 ;TO SOURCE ADDR REST.
74E6 1805 00700 JR END ;TO END ROUTINE
74E8 ED62 00710 SBC HL,HL ;REST. SOURCE ADDR
74EA 09 00720 ADD HL,BC ;TO NEXT ERASE SEG.
74EB 18D7 00730 JR ERASE
74ED 2A7175 00740 LD HL,(7571H) ;RETRIVE Z1
74F0 114200 00750 LD DE,0042H
74F3 ED52 00760 SBC HL,DE ;Z1-66
74F5 227175 00770 LD (7571H),HL ;SAVE NEW Z1
74F8 2809 00780 JR Z,RET ;TO RET WHEN DONE
74FA 217075 00790 LD HL,7570H
74FD 35 00800 DEC (HL) ;DEC. CHORD COUNT
74FE 2803 00810 JR Z,RET
7500 C35F74 00820 JP INIT ;TO NEXT CHORD
7503 C9 00830 RET
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7510 13 00880 INC DE ;NEXT ADDR
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7559 18F5 01234 JR SUS
755B CD0000 01240 PR1 LD S-$
755E 23 01250 INC HL ;NEXT ADDR
755F 10E0 01260 DJNZ NXTCHR ;DO UNTIL WHOLE LINE DONE
7561 0E0D 01270 LD C,0DH ;CARRIAGE RET.
7563 CD0000 01280 PR2 LD S-$ ;GOTO PRINTDRIVER
7566 15 01290 DEC D
7567 C23F75 01300 JP NZ,NXTLIN ;GO START NEXT LINE
756A E1 01310 POP HL ;RESTORE REG'S
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756C C1 01330 POP BC
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*The wonderful, weird world of Dennis Kitz.*

# Divine Dementia

by Michael Nadeau  
80 Microcomputing staff

If it wasn't for a broken synthesizer and a copying machine, *80 Micro* readers might never have heard of Dennis Kitz, our "80 Applications" author and general technical wiz.

You see, Dennis never intended to get into computers; he considers himself a musician first and foremost. But it was music that introduced him to computers. Music led Dennis to take a job as a typist because he would have unlimited use of a copying machine to reproduce his compositions. The copier brought him to *80 Micro*.

Dennis Bathory Kitz graduated with a BA in music with a French minor from Rutgers University in 1970. A year earlier he wrote his first electronic musical composition—a 17-part piece which he had no way

to produce. Dennis decided then that he needed a synthesizer, but, he said, "I was so desperately poor in those days that \$1,500 to \$2,000 was out of the question."

He was finally able to buy a synthesizer in 1973, and within two months the power supply blew. The \$100 repair bill prompted Dennis to vow never to send out any electronic equipment to be fixed again.

"I read every electronics book I could get," he said. Though he had a basic understanding of electronics, a subscription to *Popular Electronics* proved to him he had missed out on the digital electronics revolution. "I had no idea what those little black boxes were," he said. By stubbornly reading the technical literature and fixing other things that blew up, Dennis learned what he needed to know about his synthesizer.

But the little black boxes were still a mystery. When an order for a sequencer for his synthesizer was stopped due to the bankruptcy of the manufacturer, Dennis decided to build one. He knew he had to learn digital electronics to do so, and reacted by subscribing to *Byte*. "I understood none of it, but I decided to keep going and the light would dawn," Dennis said. That persistence eventually paid off.

This new-found knowledge and his nagging poverty were the reasons Dennis found himself working at the local Radio Shack store doing repairs on a variety of electronic gadgetry. He worked on commission plus the minimum wage (about \$2.65 per hour in 1975), but this experience resulted in Dennis buying one of the first TRS-80 Model I's.

## The Original Warranty Voider

When the Radio Shack store where he was working received the preliminary product information for the Model I (so sketchy

he described it as "comical"), Dennis decided to risk putting the required \$100 deposit down on one even though he "didn't know what to do with it."

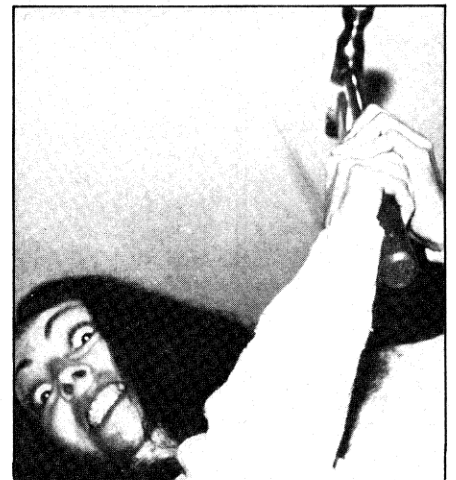
To the amazement of the other store clerks, Dennis immediately opened the computer up when it arrived after unpacking it at the store. This action may have made him the original Radio Shack warranty voider, a title that somehow seems appropriate.

Dennis' history after his stay at the Radio Shack store is a mixed bag. He drove a truck for a while, worked in a chamber of commerce, and edited an underground newspaper. In 1976 he was "the youngest and poorest" trustee of the New Jersey State Museum.

In 1978 he moved to Roxbury, VT, his current home, leaving a "lucrative" job as a graphics designer. In Vermont, Dennis



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## "(Dennis) was the 'youngest and poorest' trustee of the New Jersey State Museum."

found the time to work with his Model I. He  
had learned Basic in one night soon after he  
bought the computer, but did not think As-  
sembly language was necessary—until he  
started playing with model trains.

Dennis and a friend, David Gunn, de-  
signed an elaborate set-up for a model train  
track in Dennis' living room. Dennis wrote a  
Basic program to control the track switch-  
ing and other railroad paraphernalia. When  
they started the train running, it was im-  
mediately obvious that the program was  
too slow for the train.

Dennis had plans to eventually produce  
his musical compositions using a com-  
puter. His experience with the train set  
proved to him that Basic would be too slow  
for music as well—he had to learn Assem-  
bly language.

Assembly language did not come quite  
as easily as Basic; it took Dennis six  
months of deciphering the Zilog mnemon-  
ics manuals before he wrote a program that  
worked. The second Assembly language  
program he wrote appeared in the June  
1980 issue of *80 Micro*, entitled "Playing  
God with Life." "I learned fast," he said.

Dennis credits his friend, the late Dr. Phil  
Hooper, with the breakthrough that made  
the Assembly light dawn. Dr. Hooper  
brought an early micro (a KIM-1 by Moss  
Technology) to Dennis to have the monitor  
repaired. The KIM-1 had a hexadecimal digit  
keyboard; by using that machine and with  
instruction from Dr. Hooper, Dennis be-  
came a machine-language programmer.

### Fame and Fortune with 80 Micro

Up to this point Dennis' expertise had not  
been exposed to the general computer  
public. Enter one copying machine.

It was not long before Dennis again  
found himself in dire financial straits. His  
main source of income was a hi-fi repair  
business, but there were not many hi-fis  
that needed fixing in northern Vermont.

Out of desperation he answered an ad  
seeking a typist. Dennis was not en-  
thusiastic about typing for a living, but he  
thought if the material he would be typing  
was interesting, he would take a shot at it.

He called the number in the ad and was  
told the job was essentially typing pro-  
posals for a state agency. He did not con-  
sider this to be particularly interesting and  
was about to hang up when the woman he  
was speaking to asked how fast he typed.  
"Oh, about 110 words per minute," he  
answered.

She didn't believe Dennis could type that

fast and convinced him to take a typing  
test, if for no other reason than to prove he  
was a 110-word-per-minute typist. He did a  
little better than 110 wpm on the test and  
was offered the job, which he was about to  
turn down when the interviewer told him all  
employees had access to the copying  
machine.

Dennis' thoughts flashed to his piles of  
musical compositions that he needed  
copies of, and without hesitation he ac-  
cepted the job.

He soon thought of another use for the  
copier: making copies of the programs he  
had written. At this time (over two years  
ago) *On-Line* magazine was providing free  
classified ads. Dennis placed a two-line ad  
offering a 1K machine-language monitor  
program if you sent him a self-addressed  
stamped envelope.

One of the people who sent for this pro-  
gram was *80 Micro's* then managing editor  
Jim Perry. Perry called Dennis and said,  
"This is interesting, got anything else?"

Dennis said he had something he called  
"Babybeep," which should be familiar to  
many long-time *80 Micro* readers. But at  
that moment, a thought crossed Dennis'  
mind. "By the way, I'd like to write a column  
for you," he told Perry.

To Dennis' surprise, Perry immediately  
agreed and asked what he would like to call  
it. Dennis said the first thing he thought of,  
"80 Applications." This presented a prob-  
lem to Dennis because he had no idea what  
he was going to write.

But he did manage to come up with  
something and "80 Applications" is now  
one of *80 Micro's* most popular columns.

### A Multi-faceted Person

As already mentioned, Dennis'  
background is in music. He has written and  
performed several avant-garde (he hates  
that term) operas. One, entitled "Plasm  
Over Ocean" was performed at the New  
Jersey State Museum in 1977. Not only did  
Dennis compose the music and play the  
lead character, he also made every instru-  
ment and designed the cast's wardrobe.  
The instruments were not readily recogniz-  
able as standard musical instruments (ex-  
cept the gong, which took the longest time  
to make and was used only once). One, a  
glass cello, looks like something out of a  
Hieronymous Bosch painting.

The production was performed by the  
Laszlo Toth School of Music, named after  
the man who attacked the Pieta with a ham-  
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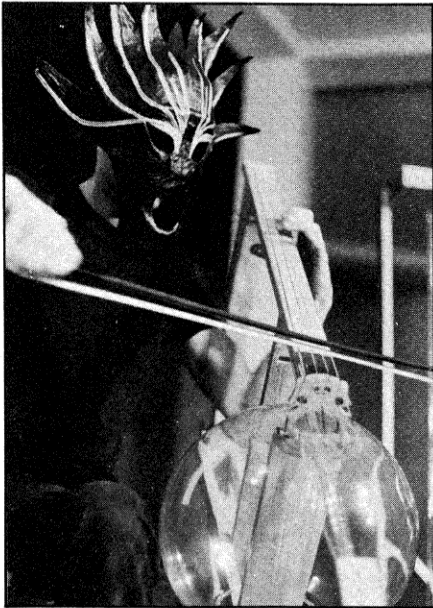
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*"(Dennis') house... looks like a cross between a frat house after a scavenger hunt and an overstocked electronics workshop."*



*Dennis and his glass cello as Maximus in "Plasm Over Ocean."*

Another of Dennis' productions, "Stone World Grey," so shocked the audience that a number left for fear of losing their lunches. In one scene, a female figure walks toward the stage from in back of the audience to a slow drumbeat. When she reaches the stage, the other characters appear to worship her... and then they eat her fingers.

Actually, they ate two very realistically made cake hands. A flesh-colored frosting covered a blood-red cake. A cloak covered her arms, so it appeared she was stretching out her own hands.

Dennis also fancies himself a photographer. He won an award for a photo that he claims was an accident. The photo focuses on a doll hung upside-down with darts sticking in it. A friend stands in the background with a mysterious expression on her face. Dennis was just photographing the doll, which at the time seemed funny, but he accidentally captured his friend in an interesting juxtaposition to the doll.

One of Dennis' long-term goals is to build and market a digital synthesizer for under \$2,500. Such a synthesizer runs in the \$15,000 range today, but Dennis is convinced he can produce one much cheaper.

#### The Character

Dennis is a frugal individual. He still drives the car he bought new in 1964, a Plymouth Valiant. The car had over 220,000



*The cast of "Stone World Grey": Richard Fredette, Pamela Ritterbusch, David Gunn, and Dennis.*

miles at last count, and it looks like it earned every mile. Twit, as its license plate reads, is also an unwelcome sight at the local Midas dealer. Dennis had one of their mufflers installed some years ago; he has been back about seven times for replacements.

The house he and his wife, Claire, share with two cats and a dog looks like a cross between a frat house after a scavenger hunt and an overstocked electronics workshop. Shelves sag with containers of screws, diodes and other assorted electronic doodads. One is struck by the fact that few of his gadgets have covers on them. Dennis probably became tired of taking them off and putting them back on long ago.

The non-electronic flora and fauna all look equally out of place. He still has his Christmas tree from several years ago,

though it has no branches. ("You're supposed to trim the tree, aren't you?" he claims.) Nestled amongst the instruments he made for "Plasma Over Ocean" are two stuffed ducks, a Jerry Lewis Telethon display, and a bowl of ceramic fruit. One comes to expect the unexpected after a short while in the Kitsz home.

#### The End?

Dennis has been talking of "retiring" from work with microcomputers, but as of this writing the decision is still uncertain. He has received a great deal of feedback from readers of "80 Applications" to continue writing about the Color Computer, and he seems inclined to continue writing Color Computer articles on a restricted schedule. *80 Micro* just wouldn't be the same without Dennis Kitsz. ■



*The family fleet: Loon and Twit.*

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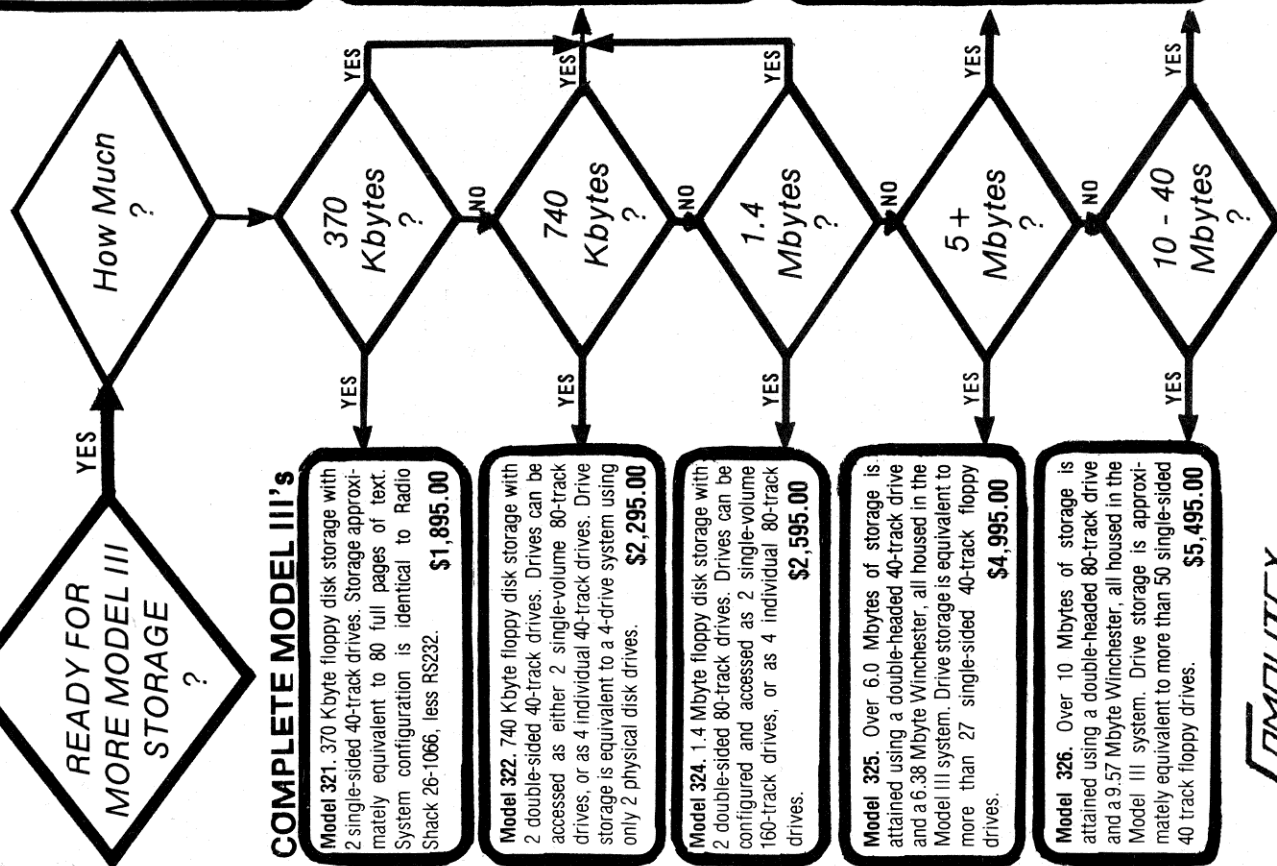
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There seems to be no limit to Japanese ingenuity. This time they have created the Pro/Writer, a 9 by n dot-matrix printer with high-quality print for the serious user and a full repertoire of tricks for the hobbyist. It is made by TEC and marketed in this country by C. Itoh, a firm known for its daisy-wheel printers.

This printer is also being marketed as the ADS 8001 and, with a slightly different body style, as the NEC 8023A.

The magazine ads for the Pro/Writer looked awfully good. I called Antex Data Systems—a California dealer who handles the Pro/Writer. They patiently answered my questions and sent print samples. I also called the head office of C. Itoh for additional technical information.

A day after the print samples arrived, I received, from the head office, a pleasant surprise—a 56-page preliminary operation manual for the Pro/Writer *at no charge*. The manual confirmed all the advertised features—and then some. Satisfied, I placed an order and had the printer 13 days later.

### Main Features

It accepts single sheets, roll paper, or fanfold, and can produce up to three carbons. Printing speed is 100 characters per second (unidirectional or bi-directional with logic seeking). A quick-cancel feature moves the print head faster when it is repositioned for the next line. Paper feeding can be forward or reverse. Line-feed spacing is variable from 1/144 to 99/144 inch, making superscript and subscript easy.

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for designing your own characters or making fancy drawings. The dots can be printed with a resolution of up to 160 dots per inch horizontally and 144 vertically. As an urban cowboy friend of mine says, "You cain't hardly git more denser than that."

16 DIP switches allow you to set up a variety of default conditions, such as printing slashed or unslashed zeroes. Other standard goodies include: a typewriter-like proportional character set; a self-test function; and a 1,500-character buffer that allows the Pro/Writer to accept data while printing—not a bad grocery list for an inexpensive printer.

### Physical Appearance

It is a good looking printer, with clean lines and an uncluttered appearance. The adjustable tractor sprockets are located behind the friction-feed platen and are completely hidden from view during normal operation. The platen and print mechanism are protected by a hinged transparent cover with a serrated tear bar for clean separation of roll paper and fanfold sheets. The tear bar eliminates diagonal rips in the paper.

Standard pushbuttons for line feed, form feed and select/deselect are located in a recessed portion of the front panel, as are three LED lights to indicate power-on, select and paper-empty conditions. The angle of this recess makes the controls easy to see from just about any position, without leaving them exposed to possible damage.

### Construction and Economics

At nearly 19 pounds, the Pro/Writer is hefty compared to some other small printers. There is a lot of steel in the machine that accounts for the weight. It also gives a feeling of confidence in the durability of the machine. Most of the plastic is on the outside. Its internal parts are held together by screws, not glue. Although I am not a repair expert, it looks as though the 8510 should be easy to work on when repair is needed. The electronics are all on a single

board. The DIP switches are fairly easy to access even with paper threaded in the printer.

The print head is attached with two screws and can easily be replaced. An upcoming version of the 8510 will have a snap-in print head. The estimated life of the head is rated at 100 million characters. A replacement costs about \$75.

The Pro/Writer uses a cartridge-type ribbon which simply snaps in place and does not require any threading. A new cartridge sells for about \$12 and should be good for three million characters.

The parallel interface version of the printer lists for \$825, but discounted prices of less than \$600 can be found. This substantial savings, for me, justified the mail-order purchase of a printer without a large network of maintenance facilities. Considering its stout construction a breakdown should be rare. C. Itoh extends a 90-day warranty to its dealers, but prospective buyers should check with their dealer about specific warranty terms.

### 8510 and the TRS-80

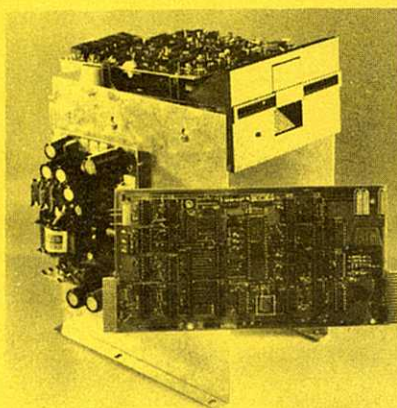
The printer can be ordered with Centronics parallel, RS-232-C serial or Apple computer interfacing. A TRS-80 connecting cable is not included, but the 8510 with parallel interface works fine on my Model I using a standard Radio Shack printer cable, catalogue No. 26-1401. Curiously, when I first turned on the computer with the printer turned off, the DOS would not work. My TRS-80's Expansion Interface is one of the earlier versions and for some reason the printer must be turned on before booting the rest of the system. Connecting the Pro/Writer to a friend's TRS-80 (with the later version Expansion Interface) showed no such peculiarity. Now I simply turn the printer on first and everything hums along normally.

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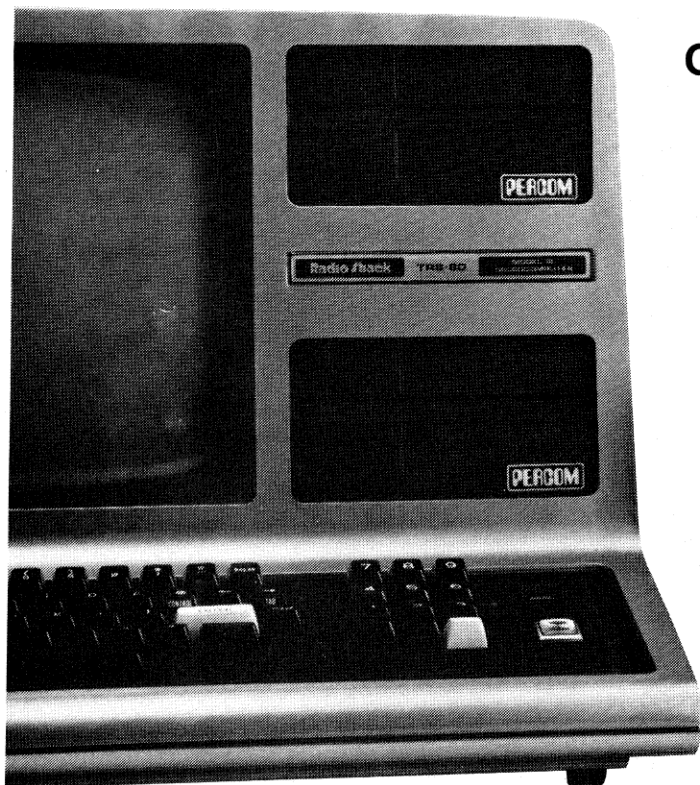
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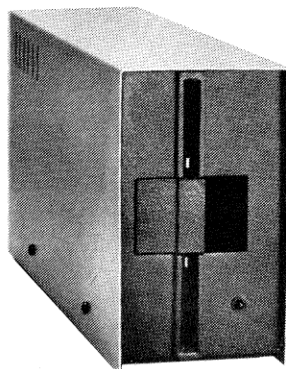


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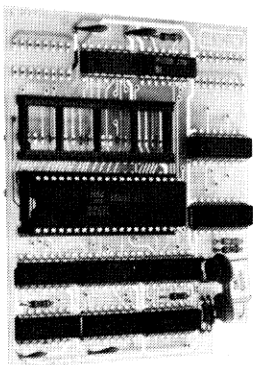
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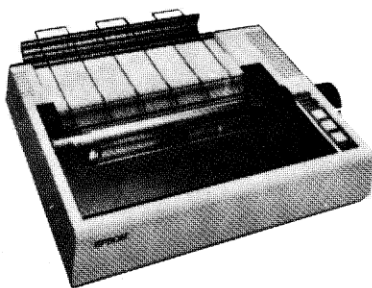
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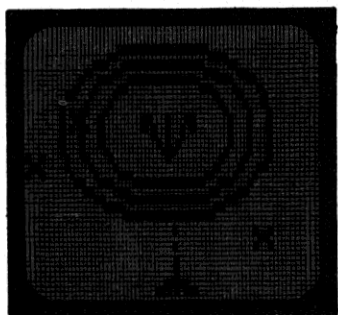
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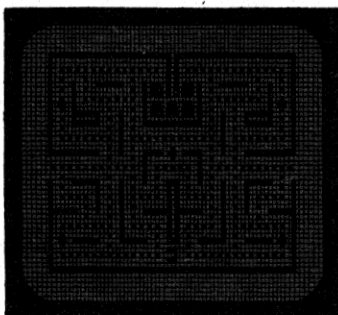


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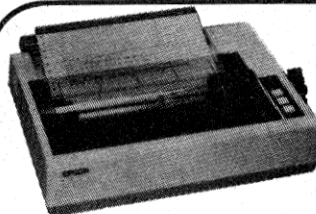
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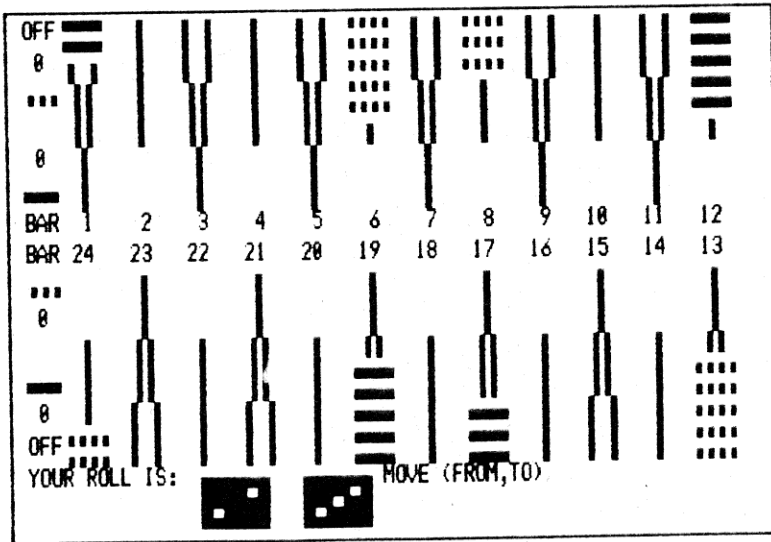


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dot-addressable graphics. I wrote a machine-language routine to reproduce the TRS-80's screen contents, including its graphics, on the 8510. Fig. 2 shows the resulting screen dump made during a backgammon game. The screen-print program draws a thin border around the printed image to represent the edges of the screen. I included this to provide a subtle visual reference present on the monitor but missing from most screen-prints.

Fig. 3 is an example of what happens when you mix Bob Boothe's programming genius (*80 Microcomputing*, April 1981) with

a TRS-80 and the dot graphics capability of the Pro/Writer.

### Using the 8510

My first week with the Pro/Writer was rough. This was due to erroneous or missing decimal values in the operator's manual for some of the ASCII control codes. Other than this and some phases poorly translated from Japanese, the documentation is pretty good. After figuring out the right values, I had no trouble using all the printer's functions, but that first week would have gone more smoothly if an errata sheet had been included in the manual.

Most of the control codes are straightforward, although some require a numeric value be sent in its ASCII form. For example, to set the left margin to 5, you send the control code ESC "L" (ESC is decimal 27) followed by three ASCII characters 0, 0, and 5, rather than a decimal value of 5. This can be done from Basic with `LPRINT CHR$(27); "L005"`. It was a little strange at first, but now that I am used to it, I like it.

At times, I need to watch the printing process as it takes place. This is easy on the Pro/Writer because the print line is less than one inch below the paper cutoff. I do not have to stand over the machine and peer inside to see what is going on.

Fanfold and roll paper are threaded into the rear of the printer and exit through the top. A separator is not needed. I have not had a case of incoming paper fouling with outgoing paper, even though I sometimes use the back side of discarded fanfold. Single sheets are fed through a separate opening in the top of the printer.

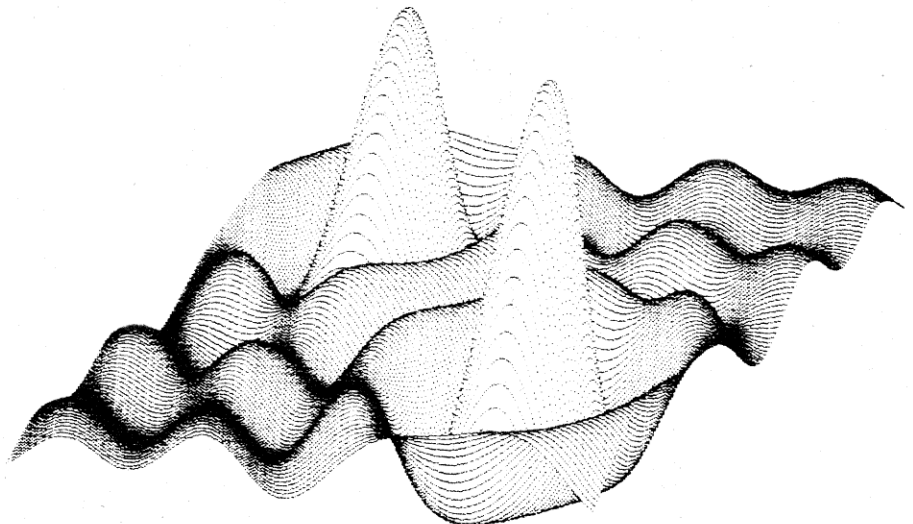
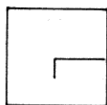


Fig. 3. High-Resolution Graphics.





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Sophisticated forms control is possible on this printer. You can define page length, top and bottom margins, left margin and up to 16 horizontal tabs. The 8510 can also be programmed to remember five separate page formats, each page with its own vertical tab settings. For example, page three might be assigned tabs at the sixth and twenty-third lines, while page five has tabs set at lines 10, 20 and 30. This is a nice feature for cranking out data on pre-printed forms, though it does require planning and skill in converting binary numbers to decimal.

During printing, the 8510 is relatively quiet for an impact printer. It is a little quieter than a standard (tractor feed) MX-80, and is considerably more quiet than my Radio Shack line printer. Stepper motors are used for platen and carriage movement, so the printer is completely silent when idle.

#### Character Possibilities

The 8510 has essentially two styles of print: standard and proportional. Both

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#### A Few Complaints

No one printer can be everything to everybody. The 8510 has some weaknesses in my particular application. I find the VFU cumbersome to program and usually do not even bother with it, except for channel 1 now and then. If you run programs that need fancy vertical forms control, you will no doubt find the VFU a blessing, but given my druthers I would prefer a less sophisticated,

easier method of setting vertical tabs.

I have both hot and cold feelings about the 1.5K buffer. At times, it is great to have control returned to my computer almost immediately after executing a long LPRINT list, instead of having to sit and wait for the printer to finish. It can be a curse, though, since there is no way of purging the buffer if you change your mind after the printing is underway, except by turning the printer off and back on again. It would be nice to have a button to clear the buffer without canceling other activated functions.

Another thing I wish for is easier threading of single sheets. For some reason, we dot-matrix printer users still have to move several machine parts out of the way merely to insert one sheet of paper. After some practice, you become adept at it, but this is something the user should not have to learn.

And finally (my sincere apologies to the Japanese), I keep thinking about all that precious character-generator ROM being used up by a set of figures I will probably never print. Perhaps someone will come up with a modified ROM for machines sold in America.

To bring these gripes into perspective, they are small when viewed in the light of this printer's overall performance. Objections notwithstanding, I would not trade my Pro/Writer for any of the other printers on the market within several hundred dollars of its price. ■

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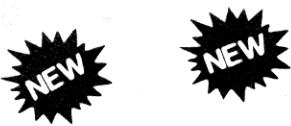
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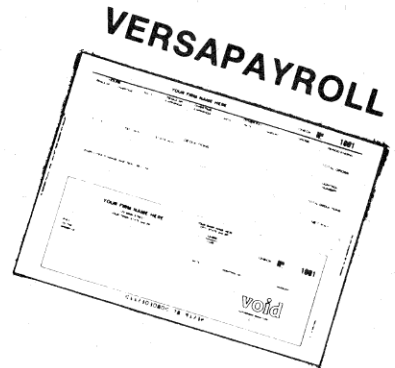
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## HOW IT WORKS . . . .

**VERSARECEIVABLES** is a complete menu driven accounts receivable system. It keeps track of all information related to who owes you or your company money. It prints all necessary statements, invoices and all summary reports to keep you in touch with the flow of money owed to your company. In short, **VERSARECEIVABLES** is a complete invoicing and monthly statement generating system which keeps track of current and past due receivables.

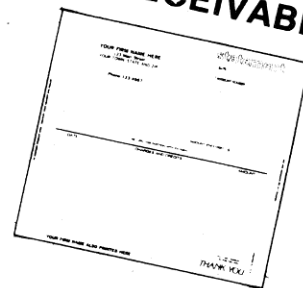
- VERSARECEIVABLES invoices your customers. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- VERSARECEIVABLES prints customer mailing labels. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- VERSARECEIVABLES generates monthly (or periodic) statements at any time. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- VERSARECEIVABLES uses commonly available preprinted statements and invoices. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- VERSARECEIVABLES allows partial payments on open invoices. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- VERSARECEIVABLES prints out all commonly used ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE reports to give you a total picture of money owed to your company. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- VERSARECEIVABLES keeps a history of each account, both current and aged. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- VERSARECEIVABLES is ideal for doctors, lawyers, small and large businesses.
- VERSARECEIVABLES HAS AN ALMOST UNLIMITED CAPACITY . . . .

400 customers and transactions per month on single density 5 1/4" disk drives such as the TRS-80 Model I	
600 per month on the APPLE II	
2400 per month on the TRS-80 MODEL III	3000 per month on single density 8" CP/M
6000 per month on the TRS-80 MODEL II	Almost unlimited on hard disk drive systems

Above capacities are estimates and depend on the customer-transaction mix and the amount of disk space available.

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# HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU OWE?

## VERSA<sup>□□</sup> PAYABLES

- ★ THE ULTIMATE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SYSTEM
- ★ HANDLES ALL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FUNCTIONS
- ★ QUICK PERIODIC SUMMARIES AND REPORTS
- ★ PERFECT FOR PERSONAL OR BUSINESS USE
- ★ EXPANDS TO HANDLE LARGE CORPORATE PAYABLES

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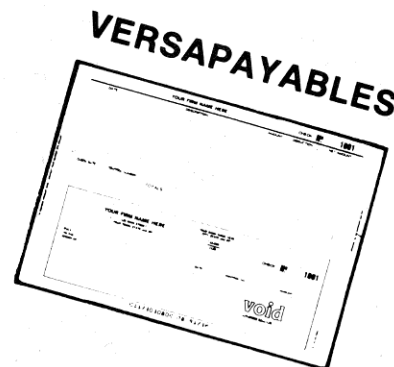
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## HOW IT WORKS . . . .

**VERSAPAYABLES** is a complete menu driven accounts payable system. It keeps track of all information related to how much money you (personally) or your company owes. It prints all necessary checks and statements on easily obtainable tractor feed forms (or on plain paper). Prints all summary reports to keep you in touch with the flow of money going out of your hands (or leaving your company). In short, **VERSAPAYABLES** is designed to keep track of current and aged payables. The system maintains a complete record of each vendor, helps determine which transactions to pay by due date within certain cash requirements and prints checks automatically with a detailed check register.

- **VERSAPAYABLES** prints out your checks. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- **VERSAPAYABLES** prints out a detailed check register. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- **VERSAPAYABLES** allows for full or partial payments. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- **VERSAPAYABLES** prints out vendor mailing labels. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- **VERSAPAYABLES** prints out all commonly used ACCOUNTS PAYABLE reports to give you a total picture of money you or your company owes. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- **VERSAPAYABLES** integrates with **VERSALEDGER**. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- **VERSAPAYABLES** HAS AN ALMOST UNLIMITED CAPACITY . . . .
  - 400 vendors and transactions per month on single density 5 1/4" disk drives such as the TRS-80 MODEL I
  - 600 per month on the APPLE II
  - 2400 per month on the TRS-80 MODEL III
  - 6000 per month of the TRS-80 MODEL II
  - 3000 per month on single density 8" CP/M
  - Almost unlimited capacity on hard disk drive systems

Above capacities are estimates and depend on disk space available and your vendor-transaction mix.



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# HOW MANY DO YOU HAVE LEFT?

## VERSA<sup>□□</sup> INVENTORY

- ★ THE ULTIMATE INVENTORY SYSTEM
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- ★ QUICK PERIODIC SUMMARIES AND REPORTS
- ★ PERFECT FOR PERSONAL OR BUSINESS USE
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## HOW IT WORKS . . . .

**VERSAINVENTORY** is a complete menu driven inventory control system. It keeps track of all information related to how many of a particular item you have. It prints all necessary inventory reports and gives you instant access to any inventory item. **VERSAINVENTORY** allows the user to stay in touch with items that directly affect sales. Update **INVENTORY** through easy **MENU** driven processes.

- **VERSAINVENTORY** allows the user to instantly add to or deduct from **INVENTORY**. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- **VERSAINVENTORY** handles reorder point levels. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- **VERSAINVENTORY** gives period-to-date and year-to-date sales reports. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- **VERSAINVENTORY** can be linked to **VERSARECEIVABLES** and **VERSALEDGER**. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- **VERSAINVENTORY** gives all standard **INVENTORY REPORTS**. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- **VERSAINVENTORY** instantly values your **INVENTORY**. (IF YOU WANT IT TO)
- **VERSAINVENTORY** HAS AN ALMOST UNLIMITED CAPACITY . . . .

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To figure out estimated **VERSAINVENTORY** limitations, just multiply 8 by the number of kilobytes of disk storage available. For example, the store capacity on a TRS-80 MODEL II disk drive is 500K. That will allow the user to have about 4,000 inventory items on record. This total is an estimate and depends on how you set up your inventory system.

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## THE ORIGINAL DOSPLUS CONTAINS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING FEATURES . . . .

- 1) Radio Shack compatibility
- 2) Error free variable length records
- 3) Full lower case detection and support
- 4) Repeating keyboard with NO keybounce EVER
- 5) Shift [0] typewriter keyboard option
- 6) Execute only protection feature for BASIC programs
- 7) Automatic track support for 35 through 80 track drives (mixed)
- 8) Device I/O handling with FORCE command
- 9) Supports high speed clock modification (up to 4.0mhz)
- 10) Supports mixed mode (single & double density) automatically
- 11) Allows disable-enable to break key
- 12) Allows user to define step rate per drive and re-configure system disk
- 13) Allows for efficient use of double-headed drives
- 14) Built in screen printer (shift [CLEAR] with [BREAK] key abort)
- 15) Multiple command chaining with "DO"
- 16) Built in memory test with CLEAR command
- 17) New printer driver which allows complete forms control and paging
- 18) Automatic serial printer driver with optional auto linefeed
- 19) Execute any DOS command from BASIC and return to BASIC
- 20) Free space map of diskette with optional output to printer
- 21) Copy with variable length files
- 22) Complete RS232 control from keyboard with status check
- 23) Create and pre-allocate files from DOS
- 24) Display current date and time from DOS
- 25) More information from Directory with optional printer output
- 26) Enter DEBUG with shift [BREAK] to allow use of [BREAK] from BASIC
- 27) New DISKDUMP/CMD sector display/modify program (works with filespecs)
- 28) New DISKZAP/CMD single/double density disk editor
- 29) New BACKUP (more reliable, no more pack ID check)
- 30) New FORMAT (more reliable, no need to bulk erase disk first)
- 31) New MAP utility (maps out disk, showing where files are located)

## PLUS New DOSPLUS Z80 Extended Disk BASIC

- 1) Faster loads and saves
- 2) BASIC Reference utility (lines, variables, keywords, printer option)
- 3) BASIC Renumber utility (renumber section of text, block text move)
- 4) Shorthand features for almost ANY direct command (LOAD, SAVE, etc.)
- 5) Shorthand features for editing (listing and editing with single key)
- 6) CMD "M" instantly displays currently set variables
- 7) Global search and replace in BASIC text
- 8) Line printer TAB to 255
- 9) OPEN "E" to end of sequential file (for output)
- 10) DI (delete and insert text line)
- 11) DU (duplicate text line)
- 12) "R" & "V" options after LOAD and RUN (files open & save variable)
- 13) OPEN "D" allowed (Model II compatible) equal to OPEN "R"
- 14) DOS commands from BASIC
- 15) Automatic, error-free variable length records
- 16) Single step execution with TRON (fabulous for debugging)
- 17) CRUNCH (BASIC program compressor)
- 18) New TBASIC (tiny BASIC) offers full BASIC commands
- 19) TBASIC and DOSPLUS together only use BK of RAM (40K left in 48K TRS-80)

**PLUS**

**\*\* 7 MORE UTILITIES \*\***

- 1) Single drive copy
- 2) Restore (dead files)
- 3) Purge (unwanted files)
- 4) Clearfile (destroys data by writing zeros to file)
- 5) Transfer (moves all user files from one disk to another)
- 6) Spooler (allows printing of text while freeing up the CPU)
- 7) Crunch (Basic program compressor)

**NOW**

## DOSPLUS 3.4 ADDS THESE NEW ADDITIONAL FEATURES . . .

1. BASIC array sort - multi key, multi array
2. Tape/Disk - Disk/Tape utility (with relocater)
3. Input@ (controlled screen input)
4. Random access and ASCII modification on Diskdump
5. BASIC checks for active 'DO'
6. Backup and Format from a 'DO' file
7. Much improved Backup (More reliable)
8. I/O package much faster (disk access time reduced)
9. Repeat last DOS command with ' ' ENTER
10. Short directory (file name and extension) available
11. Short directory of Model III TRSDOS disks
12. Single file convert from Model III TRSDOS
13. COMPLETE device routing supported (DOS and BASIC)
14. Ability to save BASIC programs directly to another machines' memory (if equipped with Dosplus 3.4)

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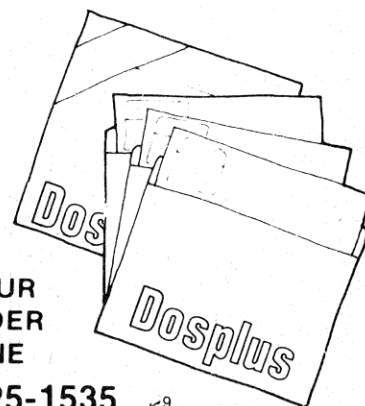
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\*\*\* ESSENTIAL UTILITY PROGRAMS FOR EVERY TRS-80 OWNER \*\*\*

### Facts About Racet Computes Utility Programs

- \*\*\* ALL PROGRAMS ARE WRITTEN IN MACHINE LANGUAGE
- \*\*\* ABSOLUTELY NO KNOWLEDGE OF MACHINE LANGUAGE IS NECESSARY TO USE ANY OF THE UTILITY PROGRAMS
- \*\*\* EACH UTILITY PROGRAM IS CALLED UP FROM **BASIC** USING THE SIMPLE BASIC COMMANDS PROVIDED
- \*\*\* EACH UTILITY PROGRAM COMES WITH A **RACET COMPUTES** INSTRUCTION MANUAL
- \*\*\* EACH INSTRUCTION MANUAL INCLUDES SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF UTILITY USAGE
- \*\*\* EACH UTILITY ALLOWS THE USER TO PERFORM CERTAIN BASIC OPERATIONS TEN, TWENTY OR MORE TIMES FASTER THAN THE EQUIVALENT BASIC ROUTINE (FOR EXAMPLE, **GSF** CAN SORT AN ARRAY OF 1000 RANDOM NAMES INTO ALPHABETICAL ORDER IN UNDER 9 SECONDS!!)

#### **GSF** (GENERALIZED SUBROUTINE FACILITY)

- SORTS 1000-ELEMENT ARRAYS IN 9 SECONDS
- SORTS UP TO 15 ARRAYS SIMULTANEOUSLY (MIXED STRING, FLOATING POINT AND INTEGER)
- SORTS SINGLE OR MULTIPLE SUBSTRINGS AS ASCENDING OR DESCENDING SORT KEYS
- READ AND WRITE ARRAYS TO CASSETTE
- COMPRESS AND UNCOMPRESS DATA IN MEMORY
- MOVE ARRAYS IN MEMORY
- DUPLICATE MEMORY
- FAST HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL LINES
- SCREEN CONTROLS FOR SCROLLING THE SCREEN UP, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT AND FOR GENERATING INVERSE GRAPHIC DISPLAYS
- ADDS PEEKS AND POKES (MOD-II VERSION ONLY)

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MODEL-II VERSION ..... \$50.00  
MODEL-III VERSION ..... \$30.00

#### **KFS-80** (KEYED FILE SYSTEM)

- CREATE ISAM FILES (INDEX SEQUENTIAL ACCESS METHOD)
- ALLOWS INSTANT ACCESS TO ANY RECORD ON YOUR DISKETTE
- INSTANTLY RETRIEVE RECORDS FROM MAILING LISTS, INVENTORY, ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE OR VIRTUALLY ANY APPLICATION WHERE RAPID ACCESS IS REQUIRED TO NAMED RECORDS
- PROVIDES THE BASIC PROGRAMMER THE ABILITY TO RAPIDLY INSERT OR ACCESS KEYED RECORDS IN ONE OR MORE DATA FILES
- RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED IN SORTED ORDER BY A SPECIFIED KEY
- RECORDS MAY BE INSERTED OR RETRIEVED BY SUPPLYING THE KEY
- RECORDS MAY BE RETRIEVED SEQUENTIALLY IN SORTED ORDER
- RAPID ACCESS TO ANY FILE REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF RECORDS
- MULTIPLE INDEX FILES CAN BE EASILY CREATED WHICH ALLOWS ACCESS OF A SINGLE DATABASE BY MULTIPLE KEYS (FOR EXAMPLE, BY BOTH NAME AND ZIP-CODE)

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MODEL-III VERSION ..... \$100.00

#### **DSM** (DISK SORT MERGE)

- SORT AN 85K DISKETTE IN LESS THAN THREE MINUTES!
- SORTS LARGE MULTIPLE DISKETTE FILES ON A MINIMUM ONE DRIVE SYSTEM
- ALL RECORDS ARE PHYSICALLY REARRANGED-NO KEY FILES ARE REQUIRED
- SORTS RANDOM FILES CREATED BY **BASIC**, INCLUDING FILES CONTAINING SUB-RECORDS SPANNING SECTORS
- SORTS ON ONE OR MORE FIELDS IN ASCENDING OR DESCENDING ORDER
- FIELDS MAY BE STRINGS, INTEGER, BINARY INTEGER OR FLOATING POINT
- THE SORTED OUTPUT FILE MAY OPTIONALLY HAVE FIELDS DELETED, REARRANGED OR PADDED
- SORT COMMANDS CAN BE SAVED FOR REUSE
- SINGLE SORT, MERGE, OR MIXED SORT/MERGE OPERATIONS MAY BE PERFORMED
- SORTED OUTPUT MAY BE WRITTEN TO A NEW FILE, OR REPLACE THE ORIGINAL INPUT FILE

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#### **MAILLIST** (A MAILING LIST DATABASE SYSTEM)

- IDEALLY SUITED FOR ORGANIZATION MAILING LISTS, PERSONAL ADDRESSBOOK, OR MAILING LISTS BASED ON DATES SUCH AS REMINDERS FOR BIRTHDATES OR DUES PAYABLE
- USED ISAM (INDEX SEQUENTIAL ACCESS METHOD) FOR RAPID ACCESS TIMES
- YOUR **MAILLIST** CAN ALWAYS BE SORTED AND MAINTAINED BY UP TO FOUR INDEX FILES (FOR EXAMPLE, NAME, ZIPCODE, DATE AND NUMBER)
- **MAILLIST** ALLOWS UP TO 30 ATTRIBUTES TO BE SPECIFIED (TO BE USED IN SELECTION OF SPECIFIED RECORDS WHEN GENERATING REPORTS OR MAILING LABELS)
- **MAILLIST** SUPPORTS BOTH 5 OR 9-DIGIT ZIPCODES
- PRINTING MAY BE STARTED OR ENDED AT ANY POINT IN THE LIST...THE USER CAN SPECIFY FIELDS OR CODES TO BE PRINTED
- CAPACITY IS 600 NAMES FOR MODEL-I, 3500 NAMES FOR MODEL II, 38,000 NAMES FOR MODEL II WITH HARD DISK DRIVE 1200 NAMES FOR MODEL III

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## COMPROC (COMMAND PROCESSOR)

- AUTO YOUR DISK TO PERFORM ANY SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS THAT YOU NORMALLY GIVE FROM THE KEYBOARD (FOR EXAMPLE, INSERT THE DISKETTE, PRESS THE RESET BUTTON, YOUR COMMAND FILE COULD AUTOMATICALLY SHOW YOU THE DIRECTORY, SHOW THE FREE SPACE ON THE DISKETTE, LOAD A MACHINE LANGUAGE SUBROUTINE, LOAD BASIC, LOAD AND RUN A BASIC PROGRAM, AND SELECT A GIVEN ITEM ON YOUR MENU...ALL WITHOUT TOUCHING THE KEYBOARD!)

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## DISCAT (DISKETTE CATALOG SYSTEM)

- THIS COMPREHENSIVE DISKETTE CATALOGUING/INDEXING UTILITY ALLOWS THE USER TO KEEP TRACK OF THOUSANDS OF PROGRAMS IN A CATEGORIZED LIBRARY...FILE INCLUDES PROGRAM NAMES AND EXTENSIONS, PROGRAM LENGTH, DISKETTE NUMBERS AND FREE SPACE ON EACH DISKETTE...KEEP A COMPLETE CATALOG OF THE DIRECTORIES ON ALL YOUR DISKETTES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER (SORTED ON EACH DISKETTE...OR COMPLETE ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PROGRAMS ON ALL YOUR DISKETTES)

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## BLINK (BASIC LINK FACILITY)

- LINK FROM BASIC PROGRAM TO ANOTHER SAVING ALL VARIABLES
- THE CHAINED PROGRAM MAY EITHER REPLACE THE ORIGINAL PROGRAM OR CAN BE MERGED BY STATEMENT NUMBER

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## INFINITE BASIC

- ADDS OVER 80 COMMANDS TO BASIC
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- BINARY SEARCH OF SORTED AND UNSORTED ARRAYS (INSTANT SEARCH OF AN ELEMENT WITHIN AN ARRAY)
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## REMODEL-PROLOAD

- THE ULTIMATE RENUMBERING PROGRAM...RENUMBERS ALL OR PART OF A PROGRAM (ALLOWS PARTIAL RENUMBERING IN MIDDLE OF PROGRAMS)
- PARTIAL OR COMPLETE MERGE OF TWO CASSETTE PROGRAMS

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## COPSY

- COPY AND VERIFY ALL MACHINE LANGUAGE (SYSTEM) TAPES WRITTEN IN STANDARD FORMAT...IF YOU BUY A MACHINE LANGUAGE PROGRAM, COPSY ALLOWS YOU TO EASILY COPY THE PROGRAM ONTO ANOTHER CASSETTE AS A BACKUP

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IN BUSINESS TIME IS MONEY, AND ONE BACKUP IS WORTH A THOUSAND TEARS.

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## MODEL-II UTILITY PACKAGE

- ESSENTIAL FOR EVERY MOD-II OWNER
- RECOVER AND REPAIR FILES AND DIRECTORIES (BY JUST ENTERING A SINGLE COMMAND)
- XCOPY...SIMILAR TO COPY BUT CAN COPY ANY NUMBER OF FILES AT ONE TIME FASTER AND MORE ACCURATE THAN COPY SINCE RECORDS ARE COPIED IN GROUPS RATHER THAN ONE RECORDS AT A TIME...USING XCOPY YOU CAN COPY FILES THAT CAN NOT BE COPIED USING THE COPY COMMAND
- SZAP...PROVIDES THE CAPABILITY TO READ AND MODIFY ANY SECTOR ON A DISKETTE
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*How one man solved his RFI problem.*

# LNW-80

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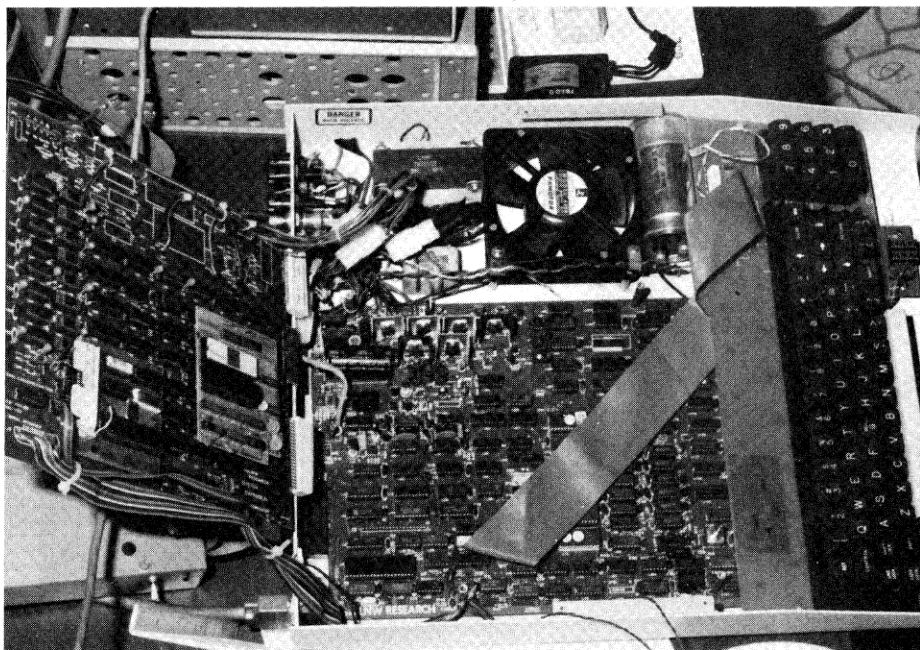
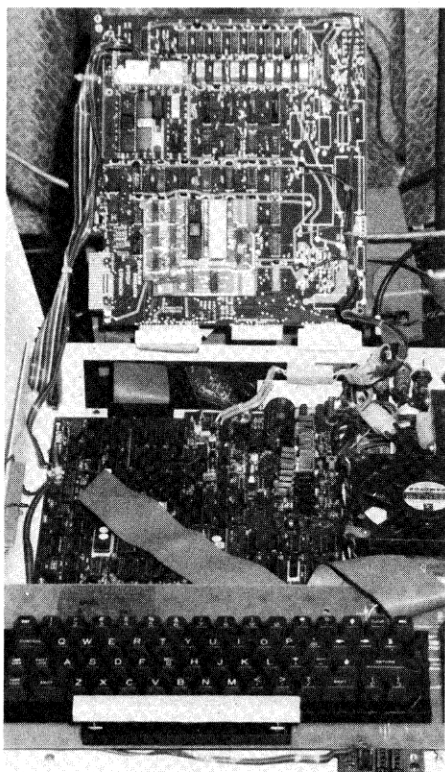
I purchased my TRS-80 in 1978. Radio Shack's original design problems were compounded by my rural location. The RFI interference precluded its use in the ham shack.

It seemed obvious I needed a hardware upgrade. The replacement had to be software-compatible with the TRS-80. I shopped

around and decided on the LNW. I ordered both circuit boards.

## The Processor Board

The circuit boards are silk screened and solder masked with plated-through holes. The processor board has a gold plated edge connector.



Two views of the interior of the LNW-80 built by the author. The expansion board has been lifted out and laid back to reveal the processor board. The power supply is on the right side, and the fan RFI filter and IC regulators with their heat sinks can be seen. Note the use of heavy wire to connect power to the expansion board. The expansion board shows the two piggyback boards: Percom Doubler and the programmable baud rate generator. The default RS-232 parameters are selected by switches seen at the lower right of the keyboard. The wires running off the picture on the left are remote vertical and horizontal position controls. The wire on the top right of the keyboard goes to the LED power light. The small toroids clustered around the power supply are used in place of jumpers to help reduce noise.

The Z80A processor chip runs at 4MHz. Most of the circuit design is a leap ahead of the TRS-80. The power supply has an off-board large filter capacitor. The design uses several IC regulators with overvoltage crowbars and fuses for protection. This circuitry is clustered in one section of the board to keep heat from sensitive circuits. Heat sinks are mandatory on the regulators.

## *"The LNW case is an attractive low profile cabinet made of heavy gauge steel..."*

There are 90 ceramic and 18 tantalum capacitors on the board with only 0.1 volt of noise on the plus five line.

The memory design has Schmitt trigger devices on all lines; the address lines have series termination. The result is a quiet memory. 200 nS memories are required with the 4MHz clock.

The character generator ROM can be a custom programmed 2716 or the TRS-80 character generator. The new Radio Shack ROM with lowercase descenders also works.

For the language ROMs the two or three chip Radio Shack set or LNW six chip set will do. For the six chip set the ROMs are 2716s. The configuration is selected by a DIP switch of jumpers.

The processor speed is slowed to 1.77 MHz when the ROMs are accessed by inserting wait states in the Z80. When running the Basic interpreter, the speed increase over the TRS-80 is around 40 percent (depending on the application). When running machine language ROM independent software the LNW is more than twice the speed of the TRS-80.

The LNW-80 allows use of a Radio Shack keyboard or the LNW keyboard. There are two connectors on the circuit board. U30 and U34 must be removed to use the Radio Shack keyboard.

### Graphics

The foremost feature of the LNW is the on-board inclusion of high density black and white and color graphics consisting of six additional 4116s with support circuitry. It is controlled by an OUT command to port 254.

The graphics pixels use the same address space as the Basic ROMs, activated by an OUT to port 254 with bit 3 set. The command deactivates Basic making a machine language driver necessary for graphics. This is fairly well documented in the manual. High and low resolution graphics and characters can be displayed at the same time.

The screen is divided into an inner and extended region. The inner region is 384 by 192 pixels. The extended region is another 96 pixels horizontally. Addressing for the two regions differs slightly.

For color graphics either a color monitor or a tv with on-board RFI modulator is used. Outputs for an RGB monitor can be wired in. There are two color modes. The first gives you 128 by 192 pixels in eight colors. The high resolution mode gives 384 by 192 pixels. The bandwidth for this mode requires

an RGB monitor. The color graphics requires a custom programmed 82S23 ROM, available from LNW. The ROM contents are detailed in the manual.

### Drawbacks

LNW lists a 24 by 80 character video screen in its advertising. This is a little deceptive. The LNW-80 has the capability of a 24 by 80 screen by utilizing the high density graphics, but to get it you have to write a driver program.

LNW's six chip ROM set costs \$120. Considering that 2716s go for about \$6 each, I decided to program my own. But which address blocks go in which ROM socket? I called LNW and was told the information was proprietary! Some schematic study and experimenting revealed the truth as can be seen in Table 1.

### The Expansion Board

The expansion board is of the same high quality as the printed circuit board, except the gold plating costs extra. (The plating is worth it.) It has the same good memory design and Schmitt trigger drivers. There are 43 ceramic and 12 tantalum bypassing capacitors.

The board also has a few drawbacks.

The printer port works okay if the printer is only a few feet from the port. You never want to hook a long line to the output of a D-type flip-flop. My printer is 20 feet away and 74LS175 will not drive it. I had to add buffering.

They cut corners on the RS-232 port. Wire jumpers select the default RS-232 parameters. Why not use a DIP switch? The baud rate is also a wire jumper, and is not software-selectable. You can change soldered jumpers about three times before the pads fall off or the plating pulls out. LNW should have added the one extra chip to make baud rates selectable. Or they could have laid out the DIP switch on the circuit board.

The RS-232 connector pads are spaced for a printed circuit mount right angle 25-pin con-

necter. Do not solder one on the board. When the board is in place inside the LNW cabinet there is no room to hook up to it with a plug. You also cannot use a straight connector. Besides, the connector pads are 16 inches from the nearest opening in the case. Use 25-wire extension cord.

The system expansion connector for outside devices is at right angles to the back of the case. You have to take the cover off to use it.

### The Keyboard

Here is where the good designers at LNW went out to lunch en masse. The manual says the keyboard "is designed specifically for the LNW-80." The one I got was just a plain unencoded keyboard. A plastic bag with engraved keytops was included with instructions to replace certain keytops with the new ones. One of the new keytops was engraved sideways!

The key switches are the same wire finger switches that gave Radio Shack grief for so long. With this system, if you do not have a keyboard debounce fix, you will get keybounce in spades at 4MHz.

The circuit board is one-sided, with a large number of wire jumpers on top of the board. The keyboard has to sit on them and is difficult to seat for soldering.

Buy your keyboard someplace else. Radio Shack Model I keyboards are cheaper and superior.

The LNW case is an attractive low profile cabinet made of heavy gauge steel with room inside for both circuit boards, keyboard, power transformer, a muffin fan and RFI filter. Unfortunately it is overpriced. Build your own or buy a cabinet from Cramer.

### Conclusion

The LNW-80 is, for the most part, a well designed, fast, effective computer. I use my LNW-80 with the Percom Doubler II and LDOS operating system. I have a time-of-day clock, plotter controller, music board and eight-bit general purpose port attached to my expansion bus. I designed and installed a piggyback board for selectable baud rates on the RS-232. All is working well.

Building an LNW-80 is not a project for a beginner. The manual is informative, but this is not a Heathkit. ■

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IC Number	ROM Name (LNW Manual)	Address		Boundaries Hex
		Decimal	Hex	
U75	A1	2-4K	0800-0FFF	
U76	B1	6-8K	1800-1FFF	
U77	C1	10-12K	2800-2FFF	
U78	A	0-2K	0000-07FF	
U79	B	4-6K	1000-17FF	
U80	C	8-10K	2000-27FF	

Table 1.

*Color Computer word processing.*

# Telewriter

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**W**ith Telewriter, Color Computer word processing becomes a big-league affair. Telewriter offers full-screen editing with many of the cursor control features found in professional text-editing packages. It has most of the print formatting and cassette file handling features you might want, plus a few specialties of its own. Telewriter employs a software-defined character set to put 24 lines of 51 characters each on the video screen. That is a respectable fraction of a double-spaced text page and makes the full-screen editing meaningful.

Full-screen editing is one of Telewriter's outstanding features. You can move the cursor, which marks your location for text entry or deletion, anywhere over the displayed text. You can move it one space at a time, or whisk it along at high speed with the aid of control keys. You can also scroll the text in either direction. Finally, Telewriter does not distinguish between text entry, deletion, or editing modes. Type in your material and alter it as you go along if you like. You can see a significant amount of it at any time, so you get a good feel for how things are developing.

This free-wheeling operating mode coupled with the real lowercase character set (which looks like 5 by 7 matrix printing), lets you spend most of your energy on thinking and composing. There is relatively little need to be concerned with control keys and the computer until you format the material for printing. I was relatively relaxed about using Telewriter for the first time. That part of the command syntax with which I did have to become concerned at the outset seemed to come along very easily.

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Telewriter is a machine-language program requiring a minimum of 16K of RAM; 32K are better in terms of text storage capability, since Telewriter itself occupies over 6,400 bytes. A 16K machine can store just over 2,200 characters, or less than two pages of average double-spaced text. With 32K you can store about 18,500 characters. Of course, you can record the contents of the text memory on tape and chain together as many cassette files as you like, so the effective capacity of either hardware configuration is unlimited.

## Getting Started

The program is supplied on cassette, recorded once on each side. The labeled side also contains a text file for demonstration purposes. The documentation is quite complete and takes the form of two manuals: a 27-page tutorial, which leads you by the hand through most of the program's features, and a 33-page reference manual, which treats the various commands in more detail. An additional sheet summarizing the commands is also furnished, and it makes a handy user's guide once you become familiar with Telewriter's operation.

There are two menus: main and format. The main menu comes up when you load the program and give the EXEC command, and is used to read or save a cassette file, create or edit text in RAM, and perform a few other chores. The format menu, which you access by entering the F command, controls the printing format and in-

structs the computer regarding the number of files to be chain printed. You can also embed many of the format menu's commands in your text in order to change such parameters as line spacings, margins, and printing fonts on the fly. Menus are displayed in standard reverse video, and most commands require only a single-letter response (i.e., you do not have to press Enter). Where additional input such as a numerical value for setting a printing parameter is required, the familiar flashing Basic cursor appears at the appropriate spot on the format menu.

You begin to enter text by giving the main menu's C (Create) command. The display switches to a white screen with a flashing L for a cursor and a small black rectangle for an end-of-text marker. Anything you enter at this point will be in Telewriter's software-defined font. The usual shift-O combination is retained for uppercase lock. You can move the cursor anywhere over the text by means of the Color Computer's four arrow keys, used by themselves or in combination with either shift or Clear. The shift gives any arrow key a fast auto-repeat, while Clear is a special control key. With it, you can make the cursor skip to the top or bottom of a text file using the up or down arrows, or to the beginning or end of a given screen line with the horizontal arrows.

Clear lets you define other keystrokes as commands, rather than text, in this mode. For example, Clear-P scrolls the display forward by one full screen. This lets you enjoy the flexibility of full-screen editing.

If you place the cursor somewhere in the middle of a block of text and begin to type, the new material is added to the old; you do not type over anything. In the same way, backspacing over text does not erase it. The Break key alone erases the character immediately to the right of the cursor, while the Clear-Break combination erases the character to the cursor's left. There are also simple methods for erasing complete lines or large blocks of text. To erase an arbitrary chunk of material, position the cursor at the end of the unwanted section and type Clear-E. This generates a heavy right



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## *"To save you from yourself Telewriter requests confirmation before executing any command."*

bracket on the screen. Then move the cursor to the beginning of the section and type Clear-X. Telewriter deletes the material and reformats the display to eliminate gaps.

Telewriter has many other commands for moving and changing text, and most of them use Clear to define a control function in a similar way.

To find a text pattern, move the cursor to the top of the text file and enter Clear-F. The standard Basic text screen returns, and you enter the pattern for which you want to search (lowercase is now in reverse video). Press Enter to return to the Telewriter text screen. The cursor flashes at the first location of your search pattern. You can find the next occurrence, and all subsequent occurrences, by entering Clear-N. Global (selective) search, change or delete are possible with the Clear-G command. You again enter the search pattern, but now the Enter key keeps the Basic screen and drops the cursor one line. This time, you enter the pattern which replaces the one sought; it need not change at every occurrence. Pressing Enter a second time returns you to the text file, with the cursor flashing as in the find

operation.

If you want to change to the new pattern just specified, press Clear-R; if not, press Clear-N to skip to the next occurrence of the target. You can extend this to a selective deletion of text; instead of a replacement pattern, enter a second carriage return.

To copy a block of text, mark the end of the block by pressing Clear-N as for deletion, then mark the beginning by pressing Clear-B, which generates a heavy bracket. Move the cursor to the place where you want the copy to begin, and press Clear-C. Telewriter copies the block and rewrites the screen. The original block is left in place, with the brackets deleted. If you want to move the block instead of copying it, you must delete the original as described above.

Pressing Clear-A fills out broken text lines (necessary if you hit Enter after every sentence). You can preserve paragraph beginnings by indentation or by using an additional Enter.

### **The Cassette Handler**

You access all of the text-manipulation commands discussed so far from the editor portion of the main menu. Another section, called the cassette handler, provides the means for storing and retrieving text. Its commands allow you to read a cassette file into memory, append a text file from tape to the end of any file in RAM, write all or part of a file from RAM to tape, and verify that such writing was successful.

Cassette Handler commands consist of a single letter (or the percent sign, in the case of partial save). Each results in the appearance of the Basic's flashing block cursor next to the selected command as the program awaits a file name. You can skip the file name in all cases, but it is a poor idea to write an unnamed file to tape. The procedure for saving a portion of a file requires you to first go into the editor and mark the end of the desired portion by pressing Clear-E. You then move the cursor to the beginning of the segment as though you were deleting it, return to the main menu with Clear-M, and enter the % command.

The Verify command is extremely useful. Until quite recently I was using a 16K computer, so I had to chain print many files for anything much longer than a letter. Nothing is quite as discouraging as an "I/O ERROR" message in the middle of one of these chaining operations. Verify allows you to check a tape record to make certain that it can be read properly, all without destroying the text file in memory. Should a read error occur, you can rewrite the file to tape. Press Break first to abort the error condition and return to the main menu.

To save you from yourself, Telewriter requests confirmation before executing any command, such as Create or Read In, which can destroy material in memory. The request takes the form of the message "SURE???" next to the command involved on the menu. The only acceptable answers are an uppercase Y or any word beginning with one.

There is one more especially handy main menu command. Clear-W displays the number of words in the text buffer, along with a count of the number of lines into which the text is formatted at any particular time. It also tells you how many spaces (characters or carriage returns) are still available. The part of the menu that displays this information also gives the name of the last file read or appended from cassette. This helps you keep track of your file names when you are chaining many together for printing.

### **Formatting and Text Printing**

As I noted earlier, the main menu's F command brings up the format menu. This displays the defaults for the basic format parameters: line spacing and length; the left, top, and bottom margins; number of lines per page; and the baud rate (encoded according to a table in the documentation). You can reset any of them, and also specify several others: the starting page number of the file in memory, the number of files to be chain printed, and whether or not the printer is to pause at the bottom of each page. There is a special Font command for MX-80 users as well.

The format parameters only have to be set once if you are chain printing several files. If you desire page numbers, make the appropriate non-zero entry for the starting page of the first file. Telewriter keeps track of the line count and the page number across file boundaries during printing.

Good word-processing programs include embedded commands which you can incorporate in the text in order to change formats. Telewriter's are defined by a special leading character—an upward-pointing caret—which you generate by pressing Clear and then the period. You can use everything mentioned so far, except for the MX-80 font and the number of files in the printing queue, in an embedded command.

The embedded commands have their own syntax rules. They must appear on lines containing only commands—no text. The program recognizes the control caret only if it is indented by at least one space from the left margin. Several embedded commands can appear on one line, in general, provided that they are separated by at least one space. There is no hierarchy or preferred order to the commands.

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A few print commands which do not control standard format parameters also use the embedded command syntax. You can center a title by prefixing it with a caret and an asterisk. You can print a header at the top of every page of a file but the first, using the H format code. One of Telewriter's very few bugs occurs when you use headers.

The Header command is required at the beginning of every file chained in a printout. A caret precedes and follows it. It has the syntax HN. . . Header where N is the number of blank lines desired between the header and the body of the text, and where the dots represent the blanks needed to properly indent the header itself. The usual margin format does not apply. The Telewriter reference manual recommends that you follow embedded commands with a second carriage return before beginning text entry. This generates a blank line which is not printed but which keeps the Align feature (Clear-A) from combining the text with the command and destroying the format. (The header would not be printed as part of a text line, but its length would be counted in formatting.) Unfortunately, I found that if a header definition is followed by two carriage returns, it fails to print at the top of the second page; it does not begin until the third. This is not an earth-shaking problem, but I found it annoying because much of my writing consists of material for publication, and identifying headers are required.

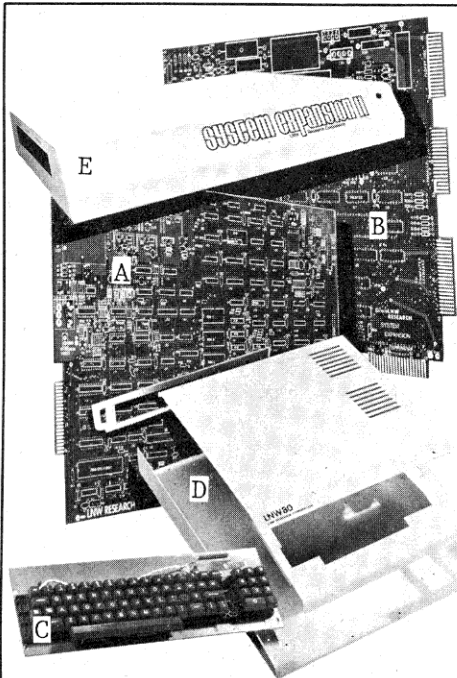
There are two solutions. You can print the header at the top of the second page if you follow it by only one carriage return, but then you must find another way to keep a subsequent align from combining it with the text. An indentation as well as an extra carriage return signal the start of a paragraph. All you have to do then is standardize on indentation for paragraphs.

Howard Cohen of Cognitec found the second solution, which is to load the first of a series of chained files into memory before defining its header, and start printing from that configuration. On the format menu, set the number of files in the queue to one less than the total number of files.

This bug has now been eliminated, but Telewriter purchasers should check out their own copies of the program.

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fonts for highlighting, for instance. Finally, you can use the control caret to align individual partial lines of text with the left margin by setting up each line as though it were a legitimate embedded command: indent one space, caret, text. Because these lines look like commands with incorrect syntax, Telewriter prints them. But because they are (apparently) commands, Telewriter ignores the leading space and the caret. Although this sounds bizarre, it works well in practice.

#### **How it Works**

While Telewriter may lack some of the features of word processors designed to run on larger, business-oriented machines, it gives the Color Computer respectability as a document preparation center for the home or school. I feel that the combination of full-screen editing and the very respectable font give the program real advantages. I have also used C.C. Writer for some time. I found it easy to learn to use, thanks to an excellent manual, but its line orientation and multiple modes for text entry and

editing can give the writer a real workout. Telewriter gives me a much better sense of control.

#### **Improvements**

Telewriter is not perfect. Several items remain on my wish list though none of these are crippling (or even serious) deficiencies.

Telewriter cannot right justify text. Although I use this feature only for correspondence (at least with C.C. Writer, where it is slow), it is still nice to have. Telewriter does not allow me to predefine tab stops. Telewriter has tabs every eight positions; the tab key is the Clear-Enter combination. You cannot reset the tabs, however, and eight spaces is just too far to indent a paragraph. Punching the spacebar five times is primitive compared with everything else in the program.

As far as text manipulation is concerned, I have occasionally wished for a block-move command that would automatically delete the block in its old location, rather than requiring me to go back and delete it after copying.

The Color Computer still lacks a word processor with a file-merging capability. It is not yet possible to write a letter with variable data in the address and salutation fields and merge it with a mailing list, for example. This is completely standard for business systems, and it would be extremely valuable in the home, as well. The applications to organizational correspondence are obvious. Perhaps Howard Cohen at Cognittec, or Bill Dye at Transformation Technologies, or someone at Computerware, Nelson Software, or even Tandy will include this feature in some future disk-oriented program.

None of these missing features keep Telewriter from being a fine program. The manuals cover several tricks that I cannot easily describe in a brief review, but which greatly enhance the power of the package. The program is easy to bring up for simple work the first time, but there is nothing like working with it for a while to bring out its real power. At \$49.95 it is the most expensive of the Color Computer word processors; it is worth it. ■

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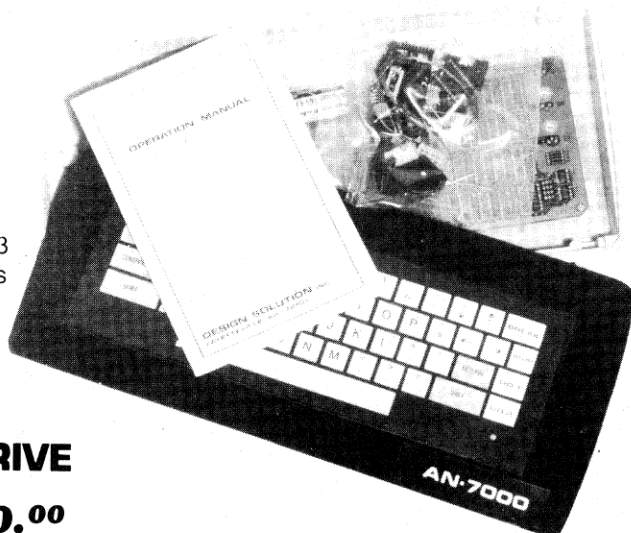
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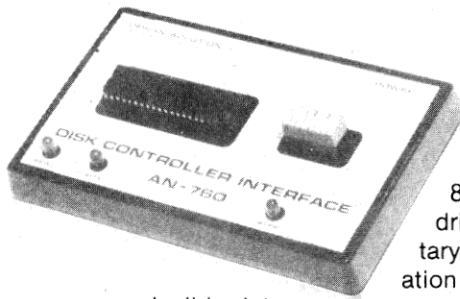


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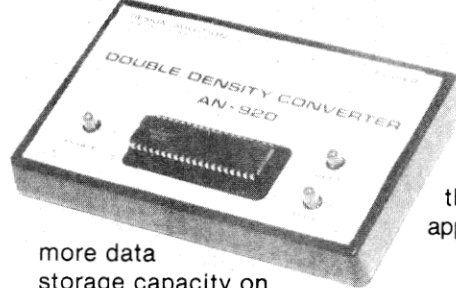
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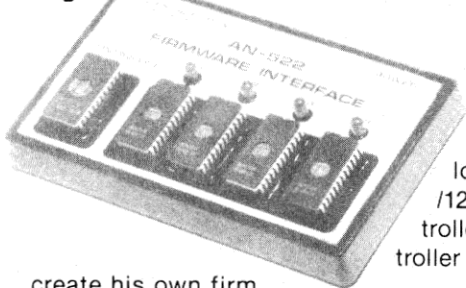


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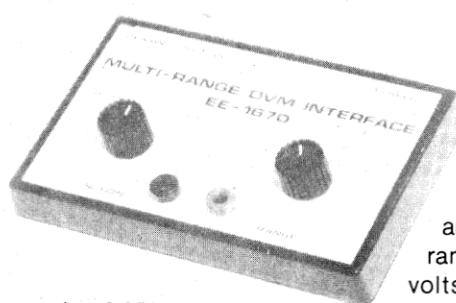
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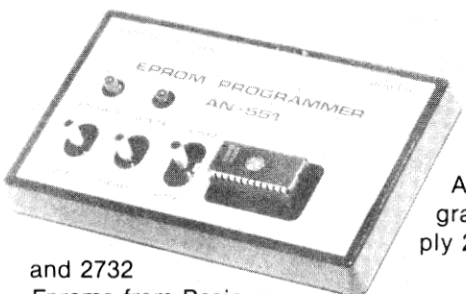


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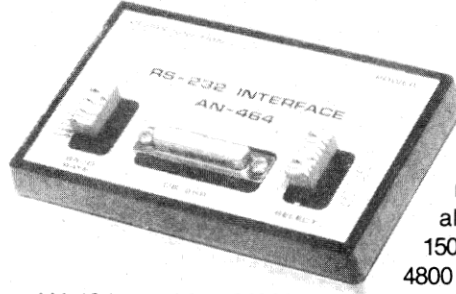


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**T**he Model II computer with Radio Shack Basic and TRS-DOS 2.0 seems to be the best computer buy, and probably the most powerful combination on the market. But even though Radio Shack Basic is extremely powerful, it retains many of early Basic's inherent problems.

Radio Shack Basic makes it difficult to use and program random or direct files. If you have not used random (direct) files yet due to their complexity, Snapp Inc. has made them so simple that any programmer can use them.

The statements and functions that Radio Shack Basic presently uses for random file manipulation are carry-overs from earlier versions of Basic. These functions (Field, LSET, RSET, MKIS, CVI, and so on) use too much program space and create confusion.

Snapp Inc. uses the new verb SCMD (Snapp Command) to im-

plement their version of the Get and Put statements. These eliminate the need for LSET, RSET, MKIS and CVI.

### Random File Manipulation

If you are unfamiliar with the statements used to manipulate random files, here is a short explanation. See Program Listing 1 for line number references. Line 100 opens a disk file named STOREQUI. It creates the file if none existed before. Buffer one passes information to and from the file. Each record is 25 bytes long. Line 110 divides the 25-character buffer into portions that are named by the Field statement. Line 130 places record number K% from the disk file into the buffer in memory.

Note that all numeric data in a direct file is stored in a compressed format, so after you retrieve the data from the disk with the Get command you must convert it to the proper type (integer, single or double precision) using the commands CVI, CVS or CVD. Line 140 assigns the integer variable WE% the integer value of ST\$ after converting ST\$ by the command CVI(ST\$).

Now refer to Program Listing 3. When placing data into a direct file, you open and field the file as before. Line 160 converts the integer WE% to a compacted string form with MKIS

(make integer string) and then places it into buffer 1. The Field statement in line 150 places the converted WE% into the first two bytes of the buffer in memory, names these bytes ST\$ and places the bytes into the buffer from left to right (LSET).

Programmers often use random files where they require some sort of disk file system and do not need to read all of the file's information each time they access the file. I use random files to store 60 different aircraft load configurations which consist of a load-weight integer, four integers that represent the load size, shape and aerodynamic drag, plus a 15-character string description of the load. I store this information in records 1-60 and refer to them by their record number. As an example, if the operator needed the load information from record number 10, he need only enter 10 to the request "Enter Load Code."

The interpreter then immediately accesses the information in record 10 without having to read records 1-9. This saves time and wear on the disk drive.

To do the preceding (Listing 1), first open the file (line 100). Then field its buffer (line 110). Be sure the operator does not exceed the end of file (line 120). Then you must get the proper record and convert all data to the proper type (lines 130-160).

That portion of the software is a little complex, but not as complex as when you have to place information into a random file. To do that, first open and field the file (Listing 3, lines 140-150). Then convert all numeric data types like integer, single and double precision to strings using MKIS, MKSS and MKDS. Then LSET or RSET your variables into the variable names you used in the Field statement (lines 160-190). Put the data that is now in the buffer memory, which puts it into the file on your disk.

### The Snapp Way

Program Listing 2 does the same thing as Listing 1, but uses Snapp V.

Rather than using Basic's conversion statements and Field, you need only give the proper SCMD and your variable names that appear in your program. The variable names may even appear in string form (lines 95 and 120); Extended File Mapping Support takes care of the rest.

Listing 3 puts data into the file named STOREQUI, and uses standard Radio Shack Basic. Lines 150-190 are required to convert the data to strings and then place the data into buffer 1. This wastes time. Woe to the programmer who uses the Field variable names elsewhere in his

program because he may lose his data in a buffer.

Program Listing 4 implements Snapp V to do the same thing as Listing 3. In line 200, all variable names as used in the program are passed to Snapp V through the string following SCMD PUT. I could have used the same technique as I did in Listing 2, lines 95 and 120, but I chose this method to demonstrate Snapp V's versatility and simplicity.

Snapp V gives you a new data type, the one-byte integer which can have the value of 0-255. This

one helps you to pack data that will not exceed the value of 255.

All the Snapp Extended programs are aimed to save the programmer time and trouble, and to save the computer memory. Snapp II through V become a part of your Basic interpreter, and does not even take up disk space in your Model II. To install the software on your Model II disk you need only follow the simple installation procedures that come with the disk, and soon your Radio Shack Basic will be up and running with the Snapp enhancements. ■

```

90 INPUT"Enter desired record number";K%
100 OPEN"D",1,"STOREQUI",25
110 FIELD1,2 AS ST$,2 AS PS$,2 AS PV$,2 AS PE$,
120 IF K%>LOF(1) THEN CLOSE1:END
130 GET 1,K%
140 WEIGHT% = CVI(ST$)
150 DRAG1% = CVI(PS$);D2% = CVI(PV$)
160 D3% = CVI(PE$);D4% = (PN$)
170 NA$ = DES:REM NA$ now equals the load description
180 CLOSE 1
190 END

```

*Program Listing 1*

```

90 INPUT"Enter desired record number";K%
95 DI$ = "WE%,DR%,D2%,D3%,D4%,(15)NA$"
100 OPEN"D",1,"STOREQUI"
110 IF K%>LOF(1) THEN CLOSE1:END
120 SCMD GETDI$,1,K%
130 CLOSE 1
140 END

```

*Program Listing 2*

```

100 INPUT"Enter weight";WE%
110 INPUT"Enter 4 drag numbers";DR%,D2%,D3%,D4%
120 INPUT"Enter 15 character description";NA$
130 INPUT"Enter record to be updated";K%
140 OPEN"D",1,"STOREQUI",25
150 FIELD 1,2AS ST$,2AS PS$,2AS PV$,2AS PE$,2AS PN$,15AS DES
160 LSET ST$ = MKI$(WE%);
    LSET PS$ = MKI$(DR%);
    LSET PV$ = MKI$(D2%)
170 LSET PE$ = MKI$(D3%);LSET PN$ = MKI$(D4%)
190 LSET DE$ = NA$
200 PUT 1,K%
210 CLOSE 1:END

```

*Program Listing 3*

```

100 INPUT"Enter weight";WE%
110 INPUT"Enter 4 drag numbers";DR%,D2%,D3%,D4%
120 INPUT"Enter description up to 15 chrs";NA$
130 INPUT"Enter record to be updated";K%
140 OPEN"D",1,"STOREQUI",25
200 SCMD PUT"WE%,DR%,D2%,D3%,D4%,(15)NA$",1,K%
210 CLOSE 1:END

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*Program Listing 4*

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If you have ever wished to speed up your TRS-80 without resorting to hardware modifications, or complete program rewrites in machine code, here are two program packages that can help. The Basic compiler from Microsoft and the ACCEL2 compiler from Southern Software can each compile Basic programs written on a disk-based

TRS-80. There are a few restrictions with each program, however, and each has its particular advantages.

### Talking to a Computer

First of all, what is a compiler? There are several ways you can define a series of instructions for a computer. At the most basic level you can communicate in machine code—the only language a computer directly understands. A machine-code listing is a boring list of numbers in hexadecimal, or base 16, for the TRS-80. If you are familiar with the instruction set of the Z80 processor, you may be able to create a listing in machine code, but certainly wouldn't do so for any lengthy programming task.

The most common method of communicating with the TRS-80 is through its Basic interpreter. This is an encoding scheme allowing you to write your program in Basic, read your listings in Basic, and during the Run mode, have the Z80 send instructions in machine code by the interpreter, which is itself a program. This method is easy on the programmer, but makes a lot of work for your Z80. It is busy converting the Basic text to machine code, a line at a time, during the program run. Since the processor spends a large por-

tion of its time interpreting instructions, the effective speed of execution is much less than if the same program were coded in machine code.

If you are an advanced programmer, there is always that mystery of life, Assembly language. This is just another way of writing in machine code, except the hex digits are replaced with two and three-letter words, called mnemonics, which are easier to remember than hex digits. The assembler also provides some other features, such as the labeling of subroutines so absolute memory addresses need not be specified. It is still much like writing in machine code.

Using Assembly language also requires an extra step. After writing the source code using an editor program, one must assemble the code into numeric machine code before running it on the computer using an assembler program. The extra effort yields a program which runs many times the speed of a Basic program because the assembler produces machine code. A program written in Assembly language may run up to 100 times faster than the same operations processed by a Basic interpreter.

Another way to communicate instructions to a computer is

through the use of a compiler. Many well known languages, such as Fortran, are nearly always implemented as a compiled language. Such a language can be structured for ease of programming, like Basic, yet provide high-speed execution, like Assembly language. The main difference between using a Basic interpreter and a compiled language, like Fortran, is the source code must be processed like Assembly language before it is run. The compiler is a program which converts the source code into machine code, but unlike Assembly language, the machine code is not a one-on-one translation of the original program. In fact, one statement of the compiler language may create dozens of lines of machine code. A library of routines, such as square root, trig functions, comparisons, loop controls, are linked onto the compiled code, so you need only specify a function, such as a square root, and not program every step the computer must follow to calculate square root.

### Two Compilers for the TRS-80

There are a number of Basic compilers available for the TRS-80. One sold by Radio Shack requires entirely new code to be written—it is not compatible with Level II or Disk

Basic. The two systems described here compile already written and debugged programs using the Basic interpreter. The Microsoft compiler is a *traditional* compiler as described above, whereas the ACCEL2 compiler is something quite unique, a combination of interpreter and compiler.

The compiler from Microsoft appears not to have been written specifically for the TRS-80. It comes with a manual for Basic-80, which is very similar to the TRS-80 implementation of Basic, but with a few enhancements (Swap, While/Wend, and Call, to name three) which can be used in the compiled programs, but cannot be tested in the interpreter mode.

The Microsoft compiler produces a relocatable binary file of machine code which runs from the DOS mode. The version I evaluated came with what appears to be preliminary documentation for the compiler, and the manual on Basic-80. These hopefully, have been cleaned up since the early version I saw. The arrangement of the compiler manual is a bit complex, but by trying the sample session you can get the hang of using the compiler, the linker and the library.

The procedure for using Microsoft's Basic Compiler is quite involved, not automatic. The operator must swap disks and interact with the computer at certain points during the compile and link operations. And the Basic program to be compiled must first be saved on disk as an ASCII file.

By comparison, ACCEL2 is easy to use. Once loaded, the compiler need only be called by the command "/FIX" to automatically carry out the four-pass compile operation. It can be called over and over to compile different Basic programs. ACCEL2 takes about 30 seconds to compile 200 lines of code. The Microsoft system takes several minutes to compile even a short program due to the swapping of disks and loading of library routines.

(If you have a version of ACCEL2 purchased before mid-1981, you will find my descrip-

tion differs from what you are used to. There is an updated version, optimized for disk users, available from Allen Gelder Software for \$12 plus the return of your original tape.)

ACCEL2 does not produce a machine-code module, but operates in the Basic interpreter environment with hooks to machine-code routines. It can selectively compile specific types of statements under programmer control. It has statements to Save, Load, or Run compiled programs, and even a limited chaining capability which can load and run both compiled and non-compiled programs from a program which is running.

With ACCEL2, non-compiled statements are processed at run-time by the normal interpreter. This does not mean that a program compiled by ACCEL2 necessarily runs slower than the same program compiled by the Microsoft compiler.

It depends upon the complexity of the program.

The documentation supplied with ACCEL2 (19 pages of utilitarian, but concisely written text) contains a table specifying the ratio of compiled to interpreted speeds for all statements which are compiled. For ACCEL2 these statements are:

```
LET (implied or specific)
AND, OR, <, >, =, <>
+, -, *, /
PEEK, POKE, Set, Reset, Point, VARPTR
For...Next, If...Then...Else, DIM var
name (integer)
GOTO, GOSUB...Return, ON exp GOTO
LEN, MID$, LEFT$, RIGHT$, CHR$, ASC,
CVI
```

The speed-up ratio (compiled:interpreted) vary from 2:1 (for most single-precision math operations) to 176:1 (for a GOTO). Double-precision math speed-up ratios vary from only 1.02:1 for division to 2:1 for addition. For...Next loops are quickened by a factor of 11:1 (integer only; single-precision

For...Nexts are not compiled, but run in the interpreter mode).

Set, Reset, and Point are increased 7.7:1 (integer), 3.7:1 single precision, and 3.1:1 double precision. If...Then...Else statements improve 17.7:1 for integer arguments, 9.9:1 for strings, 2.7:1 for single precision, and 2.2:1 for double precision.

The most impressive speed increases occur with both compilers when integer arguments are used, since the Z80 CPU directly manipulates these. Although specific function speed-ups are not given for the Microsoft compiler, speed increases of 3 to 10 times are claimed. The tests I ran demonstrated speed-up factors from 1.3 to 11, depending upon the type of function.

#### Each Compiler's Strengths

If you want to increase the speed of Set, Reset, and Point

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION SIZE TIME RATIO

Random Plot - RND, integer arithmetic, set graphics	Interpreter	637 bytes	231 seconds	1:1
	ACCEL2	2202 bytes	171 seconds	1.4:1
	Microsoft	11203 bytes	103 seconds	2.2:1
Prime Numbers to 1000 integer counters, single precision arithmetic	Interpreter	493 bytes	72 seconds	1:1
	ACCEL2	1849 bytes	40 seconds	1.8:1
	Microsoft	11120 bytes	20 seconds	3.6:1
Population Simulation single precision and many subroutine calls	Interpreter	5033 bytes	129 seconds	1:1
	ACCEL2	8874 bytes	64 seconds	2:1
	Microsoft	16216 bytes	27 seconds	4.8:1
POKE graphics with integer counters	Interpreter	134 bytes	17.5 seconds	1:1
	ACCEL2	1564 bytes	0.5 seconds	35:1
	Microsoft	10551 bytes	0.5 seconds	35:1
Graphic game with integer arithmetic and SET/RESET graphics	Interpreter	1738 bytes	27 seconds	1:1
	ACCEL2	3634 bytes	3.4 seconds	7.9:1
	Microsoft	12455 bytes	2.4 seconds	11.3:1
White out screen with SET and integers	Interpreter	76 bytes	40 seconds	1:1
	ACCEL2	1405 bytes	5 seconds	8:1
	Microsoft	3731 bytes	3 seconds	13:1

Table 1

graphics, the Microsoft compiler produces only slightly higher increases than ACCEL2. In my tests I found purely graphic programs increased by as little as 1.5:1, to as much as 13:1 using the Microsoft system. The speed-up factor using ACCEL2 varied from 4:1 to 8:1.

On the other hand, programs with much single-precision number crunching may experience only a 2:1 speed-up using ACCEL2, but can exhibit as much as a 5:1 speed-up if compiled via the Microsoft Basic Compiler.

The Microsoft Basic Compiler produces a stand-alone module as mentioned above. This module is self-contained in that every Basic function to be used in the program is appended to the module during the Link operation. The Microsoft compiler does not use ROM routines. The module, therefore, will be quite large if many functions are needed.

For example, a Star Trek program I have occupies exactly

10,002 bytes in Basic. When compiled by the Microsoft compiler it occupies over 27,000 bytes.

The same program compiled by ACCEL2 occupies 16,997 bytes. ACCEL2 needs 5,632 bytes of RAM at compile time, and can use as little as 1,280 bytes at run-time. The TRS-80 ROM routines are used when possible. The compiled code may be larger than the Basic code it replaces, but not nearly as large as the same program compiled by the Microsoft system. For many short programs, the Microsoft system produces at least 10,000 byte modules, whereas ACCEL2 may need only 2,000 to 3,000, including its run-time component. The results of compiling a half dozen programs with both systems is shown in Table 1. The ACCEL2 memory requirements shown include the necessary run-time software.

#### Logical Code Required

Both compilers may require

that the original Basic program be cleaned up before compilation. To obtain a speed improvement, your code must be logical.

As it turns out, what is perfectly logical for the TRS-80 Basic interpreter may not be logical for a compiler. For example:

```
10 FOR X=1 TO 10
20 IF R=C THEN NEXT X ELSE GOSUB 500: NEXT X
```

This is fine for the interpreter even though there are two Next X statements for one For statement (this is not a legal construct for all Basic interpreters). The interpreter will get to only one of the Next X statements in any loop.

A compiler rejects this arrangement with an error message ("FN" in the Microsoft version, "Next Without For in 20" in ACCEL2) during compilation. The Basic code is rejected because the compiled code must have a singular control point (same for GOSUB and Returns),

and the compilers view each Next statement as an independent control point.

A logical way to write the code of the above example is:

```
10 FOR X=1 TO 10
20 IF R=C THEN 30 ELSE GOSUB 500
30 NEXT X
```

There are more restrictions on the program source code (the original Basic listing) with either compiler. Arrays may be dimensioned to a constant size integer value only: 10 DIM A(100)—is OK, but

```
5 N=100
10 Dim A(N)
```

is not allowed with either compiler.

ACCEL2 has a compiler option (called NOARRAY, set at compile time) which prevents compilation of all array variable references and causes all arrays to be processed by the interpreter at run-time. There are no array restrictions if ACCEL2 is used with this option, but as a

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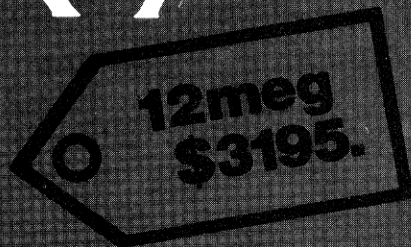
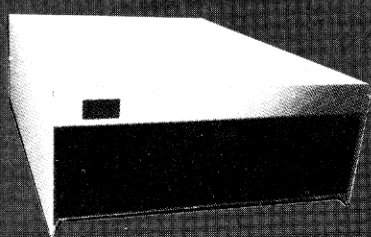
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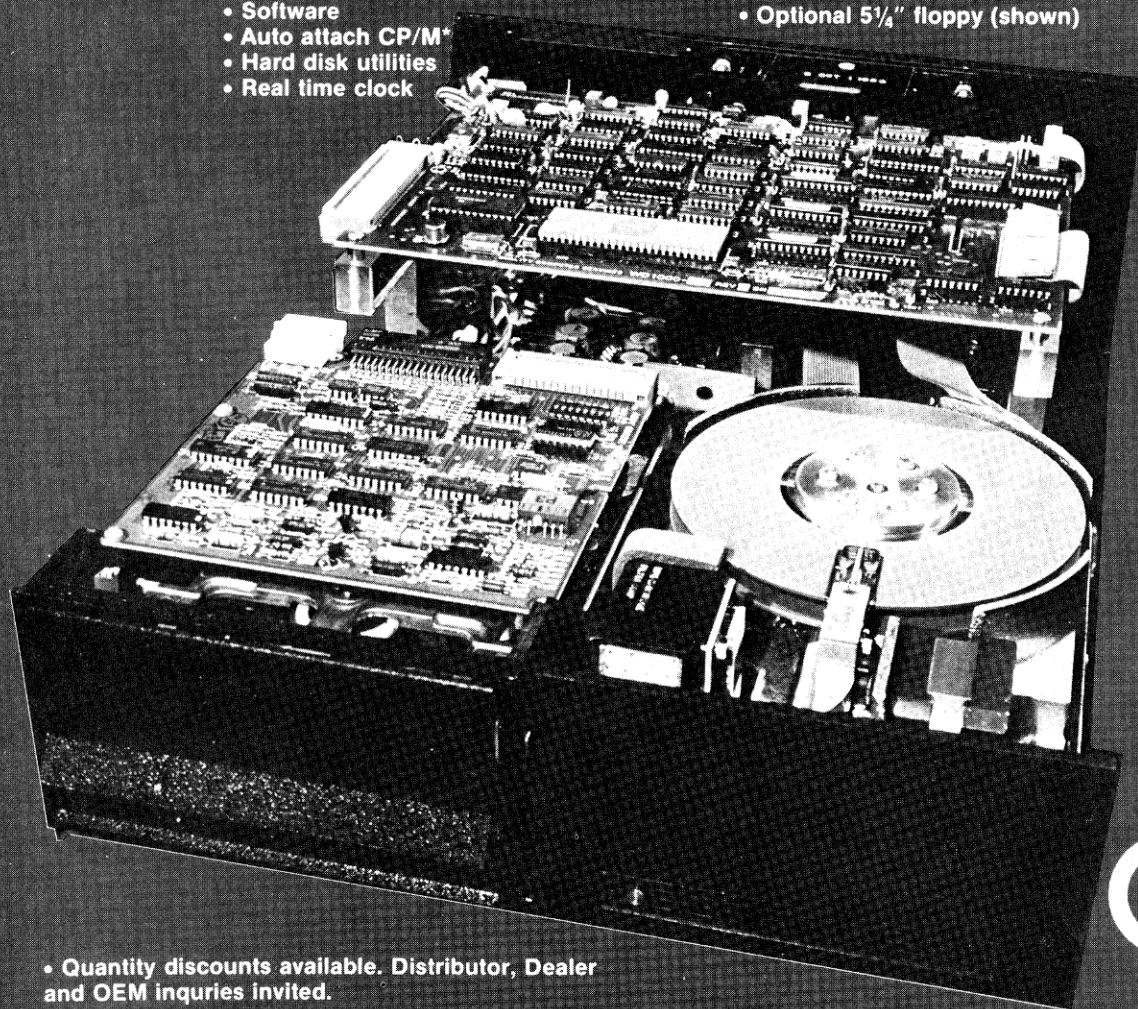
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consequence, the program runs slower.

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The Microsoft compiler has many compile options (called switches), but none to do the things described for the ACCEL2 compiler. There are about 20 switches in all, some quite useful (or even necessary for error handling) and some almost incomprehensible. If you like lots of possibilities, the Microsoft compiler has them.

There are other restrictions

common to both compilers. Look at the statement: 999 GOTO 999.

In Basic this sits in a loop until the Break key is pressed. In compiled Basic it sits in a loop until you press the System Reset button or unplug the power cord—an inconvenient way to stop a program!

#### And the Winner Is...

As I said in the beginning, each compiler has its strong points and weaknesses. The Microsoft offering is part of a system of advanced programs allowing many combinations of languages and functions to interact. It is *not* for beginners. It is quite complex and requires a minimum of 48K in a disk-based system. It offers higher speed-up for mathematical operations and more flexibility for the advanced programmer than ACCEL2.

The large memory requirement of the Microsoft compiler system is a major drawback for

applications requiring much data storage. Having to use a lot of disk accesses rather than RAM, to manipulate data may lose more speed than was gained by compiling in the first place.

ACCEL2 is easier to use, requires only 16K of memory, and offers excellent speed-up performance for logic and graphics programs. It is a program anyone who has mastered TRSDOS can easily operate. I have operated ACCEL2 in TRSDOS and NEWDOS 2.1 on my Model I with no problems. It operates on Models I and III. There is also a tape version available, called ACCEL, for those of you with a tape-based TRS-80 with 16K of RAM. It costs \$49.95.

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I feel that each compiler offers truly improved capabilities for the TRS-80, ACCEL2 being the lower cost alternative (and best for compiling programs of logic and graphics routines). The Microsoft system is aimed at the more advanced programmer, allows one to interface with other languages, and is best at speeding up number crunching programs. ■

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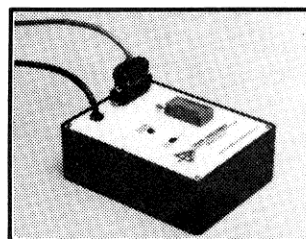
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The Memory Box consists of a small (approximately 4 by 3 by 1 1/2 inch) plastic box with a TRS-80 standard 40-pin edge connector emerging from a slot in one side, and a plug-in five-volt power supply permanently attached by a five-foot cord. On the unit I received, the power supply has a switch which permits operation on either 110-volt or 220-volt circuits, but this feature is not mentioned in either the company's advertising or the documentation for the Memory Box.

Displayed Video provides a short (four-inch) cable that has a 40-pin edge plug attached to each end. In normal use, one end of the plug is connected to the edge connector on the Memory Box, while the other end is connected to the expansion edge connector on the rear of the TRS-80 keyboard unit. I assume that you can also make this latter connection to the screen printer connector on an expansion interface unit, but I was unable to verify this because I do not have an expansion interface.

The Memory Box provides 1K of additional RAM in memory locations 3000H-33FFFH (12288 decimal-13311 decimal). Normally, this area of memory is unused in the Model I TRS-80. Because the TRS-80 (and most programs) do not expect any memory to be present at these locations, anything stored in this area will not normally be overwritten or changed. Therefore, you can store machine-language utilities (or other programs or data) in this area for recall at any time, regardless of the program or data that you store or use in the regular user memory. The Memory Box retains the contents of its memory even if the power to the TRS-80 keyboard unit is switched off. You can store utilities in the Memory Box and recall them after each power up (provided that there has not been a power interruption in the Memory Box itself).

My TRS-80 has a lowercase modification installed. In order to use it, I formerly had to load a machine-language patch to the keyboard and video drivers each time I turned on the computer. This patch program resided in high memory, and was often in conflict with other machine-language programs or utilities that I wished to use. Now I keep the patch program permanently stored in the Memory Box, and after each power up, I type the following from the Basic Ready prompt:

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>SYSTEM  
*? /12288
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(12288 decimal = 3000 hexadecimal, which is the entry point for my driver patch program). This is much easier than trying to find the cassette tape with the patch program on it, and then waiting for the program to load. Also, because the program resides in the Memory Box, it does not conflict with other machine-language or Basic programs that load into regular user RAM, and it does not reduce the amount of memory available to these programs.

You can also use the Memory Box to store variables for use by more than one Basic program, as in a case where one program chains to another. In such a case, you could place values into or retrieve them from the Memory Box by using Basic POKE and PEEK statements, or possibly by using a machine-language USR function to move the values of certain variables to or from the Memory Box.

I experienced a slight problem when I attempted to connect the Memory Box to my TRS-80 keyboard unit. I normally use a JPC Products TC-8 high-speed cassette unit and a homebrew printer interface, which was already connected to the edge connector on the back of my TRS-80. The cable that connects the TC-8 to the TRS-80 is the same configuration as the one supplied with the Memory Box, except that it is much longer. To

solve the problem, I purchased another 40-pin edge plug from Radio Shack (catalog number 276-1558), and using a bench vise I pressed it onto the TC-8 cable about three inches from one end. The result was two plugs near one end of the cable, and one plug at the other end. Now I can plug the end with one plug into the back of the TRS-80 keyboard unit, and the plugs on the opposite end connect to the TC-8 and to the Memory Box (I do not use the cable supplied with the Memory Box). This hookup works well, and I have noticed no adverse reactions from the TRS-80, the Memory Box, or the TC-8 unit/printer interface.

Once connected, the Memory Box has never failed to work reliably, even with a high-speed modification (200 percent of normal speed) in use on the TRS-80. If it can work at high-speed, with the TC-8 and printer interface also hooked up to the bus connector, it must be reliable.

## Improvements

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Memory Box, thus destroying any resident programs or data.

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If you have a Memory Box and would like to add such a switch, wire it in such a way that pin 13 of the 74LS00 integrated circuit is either connected to its present place in the circuit (normal operation) or to +5 volts (write protect).

Displayed Video warns against operating the CPU with the power disconnected from the Memory Box, as this causes abnormal bus loading and reduces the reliability of the TRS-80 system. Therefore, disconnect the Memory Box from the computer if you have to pull its plug.

If you do not care to write your own software routines for use in the Memory Box, Displayed Video has several utility routines available (at extra cost). Both will work with either disk or tape systems, and both use the @ key along with another key to access certain features of the programs.

The U3000 utility contains a keyboard debounce routine (you can change the debounce delay by using a POKE command), a cassette level meter program that is designed to aid you in setting the volume control on your cassette recorder to the proper playback volume, a screen printing routine (dumps the contents of the video display to the printer), and a versatile line printer support program. This latter program allows you to format printouts according to various parameters that you can change by using POKE statements. It even prints the page number at the bottom of the page. You can change program parameters such as number of

printed lines per page, number of lines from the last printed line on a page to the page number, number of lines from the page number to the first printed line on the next page, minimum line length, maximum number of characters per line, margin width of continuation line, ASCII codes of terminating characters, page number, horizontal print position of page number, and whether or not the computer must supply a line feed after each carriage return (required by some printers).

By pressing two keys on the keyboard, you can do a top-of-form, or reset the line, character, and page counts (you would do this after manually positioning the printer to top-of-form). You can also delink the line printer program, and use the printer driver supplied in the ROM. Later on, you can reverse the process and reinstate the line-printer program by pressing a couple of keys.

Displayed Video also offers MICMON. MICMON has the screen-printing and keyboard debounce routines of U3000, but in addition has a Micro-Monitor program. With the Micro-Monitor you can dump memory to the video display in either hex or ASCII format, edit memory locations, move blocks of memory from one address to another, load a block of memory locations with one byte, compare the contents of two memory blocks, search memory for a given byte, punch a System tape, or return to DOS or Basic. It is not T-Bug (you cannot set breakpoints or display register contents, for example), but then T-Bug uses more than the 1K of memory available in the Memory Box.

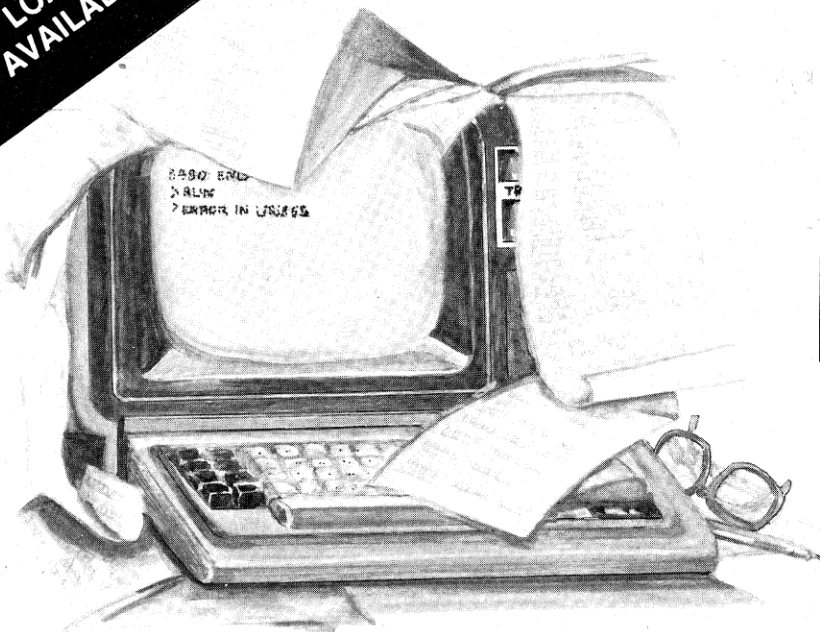
The Memory Box uses the same area of memory as the PROM operating system of the Exatron Stringy-Floppy. Therefore, Stringy-Floppy users would not be able to use the Memory Box while the Stringy-Floppy is connected. I do not know of any other major add-on devices for the TRS-80 that use this area of memory, so unless you own a Stringy-Floppy, you should find the Memory Box a useful addition to your Model I TRS-80. ■



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# Technological Destiny

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In Part I of this series we looked at the basic computer, its logical components and forms of input and output. In this part I will explain data hierarchy, computer history and discuss common misconceptions.

## Data Hierarchy

Computers store, transfer and operate on *data*. *Data* is any fact entered into or received from a computer. *Information* is data that has been collected, evaluated, sorted, organized or processed. Figure 1 shows a collection of seemingly unrelated data elements. By processing those data elements through a program designed to rank (sort) and compare data to an average standing, information whose worth is greater than the individual data elements is obtained (see Fig. 2). The synthesis of the data in Fig. 1 produced the information in Fig. 2.

The smallest piece of data represented in a computer is a

Jones	36
Smith	72
Wilson	64
Marks	12
Average Standing	48

Fig. 1. Data

Placement	Name	National Standing
1	Smith	+24
2	Wilson	+18
3	Jones	-12
4	Marks	-36

Fig. 2. Information

binary digit or a *BIT* (Binary digit). A bit is the only form of data a computer can process. All higher forms of data must be broken down to their bit forms before processing. Fortunately, the computer handles this process.

A bit consists of either the presence or absence of data. The presence of a data bit is coded as a "1," and is said to be "on." The absence of a data bit is coded as a "0," and is said to be "off." In a light bulb, the absence of electricity to the bulb (0) represents off while the presence of light (1) represents on.

Since only the numbers zero and one can be represented in a computer bit, the only numbering system applicable to bit-processing is the binary number system. Just as the decimal system has decimal places, the binary system has place values. Figure 3 shows decimal and binary place values. The decimal system places are differentiated by multiples of 10 (base 10). The binary system works on multiples of 2 (base 2). In decimal, the number 169 represents 1 hundreds, 6 tens and 9 ones. To represent this number in binary, it is necessary to turn on the bits in binary, representing decimal 169.

In Fig. 4, 128 plus 32 plus 8 plus 1 equals 169. The number 169D is represented by 10101001B.

Most computers use a hexadecimal-binary code to represent numbers and letters.

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The next higher data form is the *character*. While the bit is the smallest (and only) unit of data recognized by the computer, the character is the smallest unit of data used by humans. Primarily, characters include letters, numbers and punctuation symbols. Characters are broken down into bits automatically by the computer. A character is usually represented by 8 bits.

A group of one or more characters form the next level of data hierarchy: the *field*. A field is a variable length group of characters which convey a meaning. A field is often referred to as a data element. Fields are the lowest form used to convey separate and autonomous meaning. In Fig. 2, there are three fields: Placement, Name and National Standing.

A group of related fields all referring to the same subject form a *record*. The fields Name, Address, Phone Number and Age for one individual combine to form a record. A group of related records form a *file*, and a group of related files form a *data base*.

The key word in data hierarchy is relationship. A group of unrelated files do not form a data base. The record we have spoken about thus far is a *logical record*. A logical record is a group of related fields. Since

I/O speed, especially in cassette-based systems, is slow, records are often grouped together in blocks. Block sizes are determined by the limitations of the computer.

A logical record with a length of 40 characters is written on tape by opening the tape; allowing the cassette mechanism to stabilize speed; writing a heading; writing a record; writing a trailer; and closing the tape. If five records are written, each encompasses the above six steps for a total of 30 actions. If we group the five records into a block of 200 characters by concatenation and then write the concatenated record to tape, we save 24 steps and a great deal of I/O time. This blocked record is sometimes referred to as a *physical record*. A physical record is defined as one or more logical records joined together for the purpose of decreasing the number of I/O's while increasing the speed of I/O transfer.

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2:off	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1

Figure 4.

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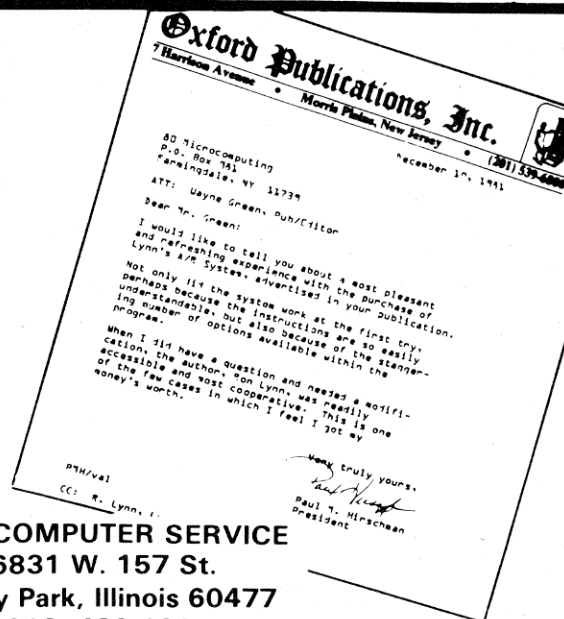
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of progress that the computer industry has achieved in the last quarter century. But, as with most industries, a trail of minor discoveries, dating as far back as 1812, led to today's computer.

Probably the first invention in the chain was developed in 1812 by Charles Babbage. Babbage developed his "difference machine" to automatically perform simple computations used in logarithmic tables. More importantly, he developed an analytic engine which executed operations similar to a program and was capable of internal storage of data. Machines to aid

in physical labor were being developed rather quickly in the early 19th century, but the invention of the analytical engine introduced the idea of mental-assist machines.

*The Laws of Thought*, published in 1854 by George Boole, described a systematic approach to the analysis of problem solving. It forms the basis of computer logic as we use it today. Herman Hollerith invented the machine-readable punched card code in 1890. Today, over 90 years later, the Hollerith code is still in use.

Modern computers were not

invented until the late 1940's. Although a number of companies and colleges were developing computer-like machines, credit is usually given to Eckert and Mauchly of the University of Pennsylvania for the first electronic computer, called the ENIAC.

ENIAC led to the development of the UNIVAC Corporation. UNIVAC installed their first computer at the US Bureau of Census in 1951. That computer is now displayed at the Smithsonian Institute.

Computer development can be broken down into three distinct generations. The first, beginning with ENIAC and continuing into the late 1950's, produced a vacuum tube machine the size of a very large room. The first generation machine required a programmer who understood the machine almost as well as its engineer. The machine was large, slow, difficult to program and had a relatively small memory capacity. These first computers gen-

erated a great deal of heat and required large air conditioning systems.

With the development of the transistor by Bell Labs, second generation computer systems (1959-1964) came of age. Transistors replaced the vacuum tube. Computers became smaller, faster, less expensive and used less electricity. These new computers generated less heat and had larger memory units for more effective storage. New languages made writing programs much easier.

Printed circuitry (1964) ushered in the third generation. As computers became smaller and faster, reliability increased. Breakthroughs established communication possibilities and more efficient I/O methods. Memory again increased and the sophistication of software operating systems further simplified programming.

To appreciate the advances in the computer industry within the last 35 years, compare the ballroom-size ENIAC with

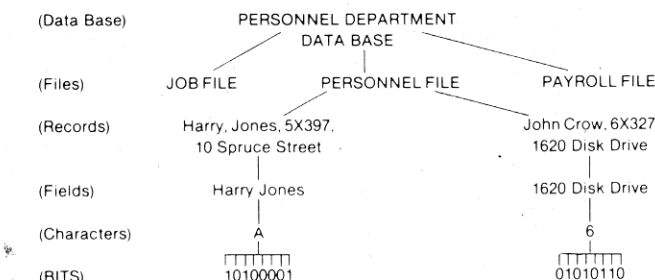


Fig. 5. Data Hierarchy

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today's TRS-80. The micro-computer of today can outperform the ENIAC at one ten-thousandth of the cost and three-thousandths of the size. The progress goes on and on. Even so, the computer industry has only just reached the toddler stage of its development.

Although it is too early to accurately gain proper perspective, many data processors believe we are now into the fourth generation. As computer size and price diminish, memory and peripheral inventions continue to alter old computer realities. I do not think the fourth generation will be defined by great discoveries, but by the use and users of the new microcomputers. How many of us believed, only a few years ago, we could own a microcomputer? Small, inexpensive computers of five or ten years ago sold for \$90,000. Computer uses have expanded to include shopping lists, menu planning and games.

Users are no longer exclusively data processors, scientists

and businessmen. Microcomputers have introduced housewives, teachers, students, children and other nontechnical personnel to computer use. Software applications have tripled over the past five years and, as the price of microcomputer products diminishes, the market for home computers expands. A year ago, I bought 16K for \$55. Today, \$60 buys 48K. Each price reduction opens the market to more people who, not long ago, would have laughed at the prospect of owning a computer.

#### Computer Demystification

As computer use, terminology and understanding become more widespread, the general public's perceptions of computers will change. It has always been popular for shipping and billing clerks to blame the computer when customers complained. The computer has been the scapegoat for so long the consumer believes the machines to be inept. There is a good chance the idiot jokes of the

1950's, the moron jokes of the 1970's and ethnic jokes of the present will evolve to: "How many computers are needed to change a lightbulb?"

Hopefully, the increasing influence of the home computer will alter those perceptions. Computers do not make mistakes. Electricity is either on or off to a bit. Mistakes are made by programmers, analysts, key-punchers and operators. That loan payment, never credited to your account, was not the prank of a vengeful computer, but of a careless clerk. When the general public is aware of this, our industry will be better understood.

Another harmful myth claims increased automation will increase unemployment. The world's most automated country, Japan, suffers an unemployment rate of only two percent. In addition, the Japanese worker expresses a higher satisfaction than his American counterpart. The computer is normally used to free humans from mundane repetitious tasks.

Managers and business executives often express dissatisfaction with their computers and technicians. Usually these disappointments are the result of three misconceptions. Many users have, initially, too great an expectation for their new computerized projects. Often, these expectations are unrealistic, sometimes caused by an over-zealous computer salesman. Some management see computers as a cure-all for their business problems when, in fact, a computer may aggravate some problems it was purchased to solve.

By far, the greatest reason for dissatisfaction with a computer system stems from inadequate system development. The system development process encompasses all the actions necessary to create a computer application from the problem development stage through user acceptance. In Part III we will begin to examine the entire system development process—in theory and in practice. ■

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# Micro Melodies

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**N**ame That Song is a delightful sound and action game pitting one to four contestants against one another to determine who can identify the most folk songs. It has been one of the most popular games in our household since I completed it.

I modified David G. Morr's machine language routine (*80 Microcomputing*, May 1980), which was set up to produce random

sounds, to make it suitable for producing music.

## Teaching the TRS-80 to Sing

You must begin by giving your computer singing lessons. You do this by POKEing a small machine language program into memory via Basic. Lines 40-60 in Program Listing 1 contain all the instructions your 80 needs. The same instructions appear in line 5 of Program Listing 2.

Whenever you use this routine answer the memory size? question with 32737. This protects the last 29 bytes of RAM for the machine language routine and prevents the rest of the program from bumping into that area of memory. With this routine your TRS-80 can make 32768 different noises, ranging from sounds so high and fast that you cannot hear them, to long low rumbles.

There are 256 different tones, each of which can be produced for 128 different durations. These durations range from

about seven milliseconds to about 1 3/4 seconds.

## Sifting Music from Noises

Which tones and durations should you use to produce music? I will share these secrets with you. Table 1 shows the total range of the musical tones the TRS-80 can sing.

There are lower, higher, and tones in between each of the notes listed. However, these other tones are not within our field of interest because they do not constitute music.

For the most part you will never need most of the notes in the list. Name That Song has parts of 37 songs and I never used a note lower than low A# nor one higher than high E.

The numbers in Table 2 represent the various durations of notes and rests used in rather snappy 4/4 time and 3/4 time. You can change these values to suit your own tastes in musical

tempos. However, any number you use as a duration should produce an integer when divided by 256, otherwise you will be affecting the pitch as well as the duration.

Zero is the longest duration and it is twice as long as the next longest which is 32512, creating some problems. Notice that I did not list anything for the duration of a dotted half note in 4/4 time. There is no duration between the half and the whole note when the whole note is duration zero. To get around this problem I changed any dotted half notes into half notes and added a quarter rest. In most songs this is hardly noticed.

When making computer music, always define all variables as integers. This saves bytes, speeds up execution, and also prevents you from sending information to the machine language routine that cannot be used.

The numbers given in Table 2

## The Key Box

Basic Level II  
Model I  
16K RAM  
Amplifier required

```
Set MEMORY SIZE? to 32737
10 REM THIS PROGRAM PLAYS A MUSICAL SCALE
20 REM AT VARIOUS SPEEDS - DEMONSTRATION ONLY
30 CLS : DEFINT A-Z : Q = 24576
40 POKE 16527,127 : POKE 16526,226
50 FOR N = 32738 TO 32766 : READ X : POKE N,X : NEXT
60 DATA 205, 127, 10, 62, 1, 14, 0, 237, 91, 61, 64, 69, 47, 230, 3, 179, 211, 255,
13, 40, 4, 16, 246, 24, 242, 37, 32, 241, 201
70 FOR T = 1 TO 5
80 Z = USR(145 + Q) : Z = USR(129 + Q) : Z = USR(115 + Q)
90 Z = USR(108 + Q) : Z = USR(97 + Q) : Z = USR(86 + Q)
100 Z = USR(77 + Q) : Z = USR(73 + Q) : Z = USR(77 + Q)
110 Z = USR(86 + Q) : Z = USR(97 + Q) : Z = USR(108 + Q)
120 Z = USR(115 + Q) : Z = USR(129 + Q) : Z = USR(145 + Q)
130 Q = Q/2
140 NEXT
150 RUN
```

Program Listing 1

Note	Pitch Value(P)	Note	Pitch Value(P)
Low D#	244	A#	81
Low E	230	B	77
Low F	216	High C	73
Low F#	204	High C#	68
Low G	194	High D	65
Low G#	184	High D#	61
Low A	172	High E	58
Low A#	162	High F	54
Low B	155	High F#	51
C	145	High G	48
C#	135	High G#	46
D	129	High A	43
D#	122	High A#	41
E	115	High B	38
F	108	Very High C	36
F#	102	Very High C#	34
G	97	Very High D	32
G#	92	Very High D#	30
A	86		

Table 1. Pitch Values







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*An updated version of one of 80 Micro's first.*

# Home Budgeteer—Reprise

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**W**hen I saw David Andresen's "Household Accountant" program in the February 1980 issue of *80 Microcomputing*, I rejoiced! Here was just the program I was looking for!

I already know how to balance my checkbook. I can tell which checks are missing. I know which ones have been returned. I do not need to know how many checks lie in the range between \$32.57 and \$68.12. What I do need to know is, how much am I spending on the phone bill? Which month was my high electricity month? How high was it? Did I pay my quarterly water bill twice, by mistake?

Andresen's program made these questions easy to answer.

I did not need to load several different modules in succession. His program was just what I was looking for. Except...

Andresen wrote his program for a minimal 16K tape-based system. That imposed constraints which I readily accepted until I finally moved up to a disk system. Equipped with added memory and rapid loading, I added some bells and whistles Andresen had to leave off. But

my enhancements soon made the program cumbersome. I did a logical rewrite, incorporating each nicety in an orderly manner. I also made provision for future revisions.

## My Additions

The new version is shown in the Program Listing. Relieved of memory restrictions, I incorporated a number of new features.

Expense categories are listed in a menu, and are named in the printouts. You do not need to use code numbers or a code card. Previous to this, I had a recurring nightmare. In my dream, I would load ten years of data, then search in vain for my decoder list. All those checks, and I could not remember the secret code! Now, the program includes everything.

You can opt for simultaneous printout along with the video display. The program even checks to see if your printer is on.

An all-encompassing total analysis option will print the results for every category auto-

matically. Have a cup of coffee while the printer chugs away. While sipping your coffee, chuckle at how disappointed the IRS agent will be when he sees your detailed records.

Subroutines do all the work. This makes program flow easier to follow. It also means you can add your own customizations with ease—just tack on more subroutines.

The program includes a quick plot subroutine. This autoscaling plot provides a graphic overall look at your data. It automatically selects the maximum cost month and prints the maximum cost month total.

I have added extended error-trapping and more detailed REMarks.

This program should run as

A	Amount of check
CN	Check number
CT	Check category
G	PRINT USING string variables
I	Index counter
IM	Month with maximum expenses
J	Index counter
M	Month number
N	Index counter
Q	Complete printout query flag
Q1	Query flag
S	Query flag
S1	Query flag
S2	Query flag
T	Monthly total of expenses
TM	Maximum expense month number
ZM	Graphic scaling factor

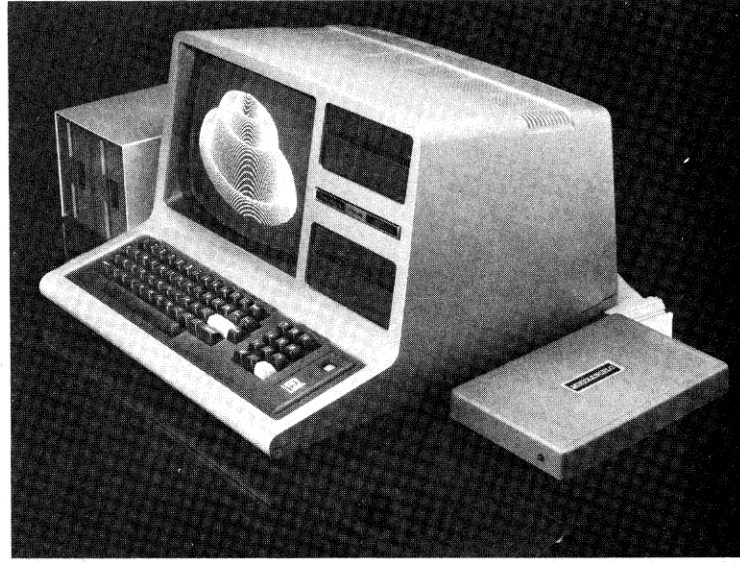
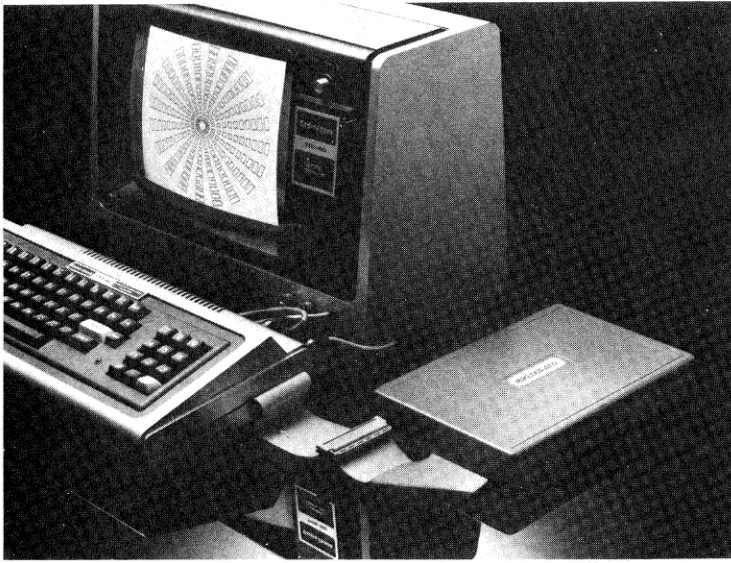
Table 1. Variable List

## The Key Box

Basic Level II  
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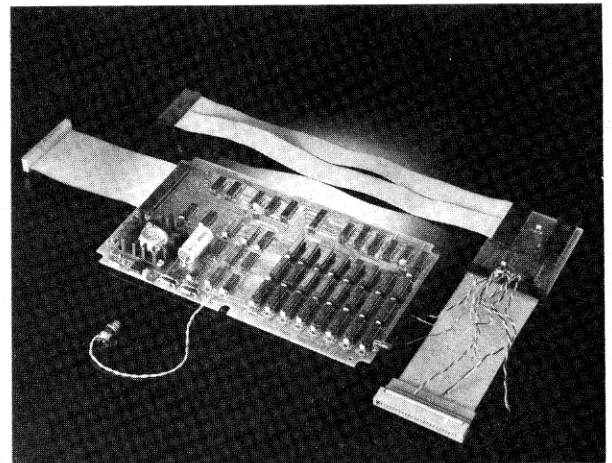
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easily on a Model III as on my Model I, except for the PEEK to see if the printer is on. If you own a Model III you will have to make the change yourself.

Check information is included within the program as Data statements. This means you will have a longer program to save each month. In exchange, you get much simpler editing, and a

Without a DOS, you can still use CLOAD and CSAVE until you graduate to the convenience of disk.

With the check Data statements at the end of the program, simply delete lines 10010-19999 to clear the decks for next year's checks. If you significantly revise the program, you can instead delete the program (lines

values? Next you can customize a routine for your particular printer to produce the plot. Tinker a little, and you can make it just the program for you. I did. ■

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*"I do not need to know  
how many checks  
lie in the range  
between \$32.57 and \$68.12."*

stand-alone program. If this is not to your liking, just add a disk Read routine. To avoid multiple disk accesses, you will probably want to read your data into an array. Do not forget a Save routine.

As the program stands, you do not need a DOS, but more than 16K of memory would help.

10-10000), and save the check data. Then merge your old data to your new program.

If you have disk and want an expense program that you can customize with ease, then this program may be just the one for you. How about altering the plot routine to display the y-axis

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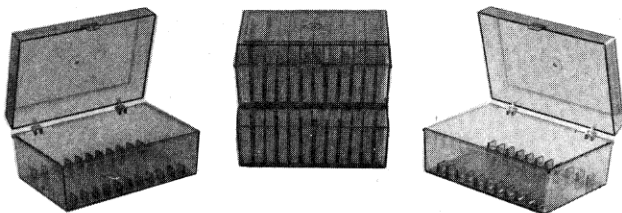
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## Program Listing

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10 REM *A Simpleminded Expense Analyzer*
20 REM *by Manuel R. Pablo *
30 REM *Inspired by an article by David Andresen, 80 Microcomputing, Feb 1980*
40 REM *Latest revision 29 November 1981*
50 CLS
60 PRINT@15,"Check Analyzer Program"
70 PRINT:PRINT"Enter all checks written in >>1981<<."
80 PRINT"You can obtain an analysis by month or by category."
90 PRINT"Add or change checks with DATA statements."
100 REM *Choose Analysis or Add-Checks-to-File mode*
110 PRINT:PRINT"Do you wish to (1) analyze checks,"
120 INPUT"or (2) add checks via DATA statements";S
130 IF S<1 OR S>2 THEN PRINT"Try again..":GOTO 110
140 IF S=2 THEN GOTO 9000
150 CLEAR 63:DEFINT C,I-M,S
160 GS="$S$$,###.##"
170 REM *Initialize Housekeeping*
180 REM *Array values are not read via DATA statements so that*
190 REM *the RESTORE command will affect check data only*
200 DIM M$(12),N$(24),T(12)
210 M$(1)="Jan":M$(2)="Feb":M$(3)="Mar":M$(4)="Apr":M$(5)="May"
220 M$(6)="Jun":M$(7)="Jul":M$(8)="Aug":M$(9)="Sep"
230 M$(10)="Oct":M$(11)="Nov":M$(12)="Dec"
240 REM *Expense Categories*
250 REM *Not elegant, but easy to change*
260 N$(1)="House Payments"
270 N$(2)="VEPCO"
280 N$(3)="C&P"
290 N$(4)="WGL"
300 N$(5)="FCWA"
310 N$(6)="Trash Service"
320 N$(7)="Taxes"
330 N$(8)="Clothes"
340 N$(9)="House Maintenance"
350 N$(10)="Car Maintenance"
360 N$(11)="Subscriptions"
370 N$(12)="Electronics"
380 N$(13)="Profess. Dues"
390 N$(14)="Medical"
400 N$(15)="Insurance"
410 N$(16)="Tax Deductible"
420 N$(17)="Entertainment"
430 N$(18)="Karate"
440 N$(19)="Charge Accounts"
450 N$(20)="Savings"
460 N$(21)="Li'l Spring Farm"
470 N$(22)="Household"
480 N$(23)="Miscellaneous"
490 N$(24)="ALL CATEGORIES"
500 REM *Select Complete Printout Option*
510 S=0:FOR I=1 TO 12:T(I)=0:NEXT I:T#=0:ZM=1
520 INPUT"Want COMPLETE printed record (yes=1) for all 24 categories";Q
530 IF Q<1 THEN GOTO 560
540 IF PEEK(14312)<>63 THEN PRINT"Printer NOT READY. Try again."
550 *GOTO 520 ELSE Q1=Q
550 RESTORE:SL=Q1:GOSUB2000:GOSUB3000
560 CLS:ZM=1:T#=0:FOR J=1 TO 12:T(J)=0:NEXT J:GOSUB 1000
570 PRINT:INPUT"Which category number";S1
580 IF S1<1 OR S1>24 THEN PRINT"Choose again..":GOTO 570
590 GOSUB 2000
600 GOSUB 3000
610 REM *Select from Menu*
620 GOSUB 4000
630 IF S2<1 OR S2>5 THEN PRINT "Try again..":GOTO 630
640 RESTORE
650 ON S2 GOTO 560,600,660,670,7000
660 GOSUB 5000:GOTO 620
670 GOSUB 6000:GOTO 620
990 REM *Subroutine to print Category Selection List*
1000 FOR J=1 TO 12
1010 PRINT USING "##.":J;PRINT " ";N$(J)TAB(32);PRINT USING "##.":J+12;PRINT " ";N$(J+12)
1020 NEXT J
1030 RETURN
1990 REM *This <Subroutine 2000> is the Heart of the Program*
2000 READ CN:PRINT@55,CN;
2010 IF CN=-1 THEN 2080
2020 READ M,A,CT
2030 IF S1=24 THEN 2050
2040 IF CT<>S1 THEN 2070
2050 T#+=A
2060 T(M)=T(M)+A
2070 GOTO 2000
2080 RETURN
2990 REM *Display and/or Print Monthly Expenses*
3000 CLS
3010 PRINT"Category";S1,N$(S1)
3020 IF Q=1 THEN LPRINT"Category";S1,N$(S1)
3030 PRINT"Month"," Subtotal","Month"," Subtotal"
3040 IF Q=1 THEN LPRINT"Month"," Subtotal","Month"," Subtotal"
3050 PRINT STRING$(63,"-")
3060 IF Q=1 THEN LPRINT STRING$(63,"-")
3070 FOR J=1 TO 6
3080 REM *Rescale values if array has been scaled by screen plot factor ZM*
3090 PRINT M$(J);PRINT USING GS;T(J)/ZM;PRINT;PRINT M$(J+6);
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Program continues

Program continued

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PRINT USING G$;T(J+6)/ZM
3100 IF Q=1 THEN LPRINT M$(J);:LPRINT USING G$;T(J)/ZM;:LPRINT,:
LPRINT M$(J+6);:LPRINT USING G$;T(J+6)/ZM
3110 NEXT
3120 PRINT "Grand Total";:PRINT USING G$;T#
3130 IF Q=1 THEN LPRINT "Grand Total";:LPRINT USING G$;T#;:LPRINT
T CHR$(13)
3140 IF Q>1 THEN GOTO 3180
3150 REM *Reset all variables*
3160 Q1=Q1+1;T#=0;FOR J=1 TO 12:T(J)=0:NEXT J
3170 IF Q1=25 THEN GOTO 3180 ELSE GOTO 550
3180 RETURN
3990 REM *Menu Display Subroutine*
4000 PRINT:PRINT "What next? ";
4010 PRINT "1. Select new category"
4020 PRINT "2. Review monthly expenses"
4030 PRINT "3. List check numbers"
4040 PRINT "4. Plot data on screen"
4050 PRINT "5. Quit ";:INPUT S2
4060 RETURN

4990 REM *Show Data for Each Selected Check on Screen*
5000 CLS:I=1
5010 PRINT "Checks for Category ";S1;": N$(S1)
5020 PRINT "Check no.", "Month", "Amount", "Category"
5030 PRINT STRING$(63, "-")
5040 READ CN
5050 IF CN=-1 THEN 5130
5060 READ M,A,CT
5070 IF S1=24 THEN GOTO 5090
5080 IF CT<>S1 THEN 5120
5090 PRINT CN,M$(M);:PRINT USING G$;A;:PRINT:PRINT N$(S1)
5100 I=I+1
5110 IF I<13 THEN 5120 ELSE INPUT "Press ENTER to continue ";A$;I
=1:CLS:GOTO 5010
5120 GOTO 5040
5130 INPUT "Press ENTER to continue.";A$
5140 RETURN
5990 REM *Screen Plot Subroutine. First find Max T(I)*
6000 CLS:TM=T(1):IM=1
6010 FOR I=2 TO 12
6020 IF T(I)>TM THEN TM=T(I):IM=I
6030 NEXT I
6040 REM *IM= month of max value, used in plot subroutine*
6050 GOSUB 6320
6060 REM *Multiply array by scale factor ZM*
6070 FOR I=1 TO 12:T(I)=T(I)*ZM:NEXT I
6080 REM *Draw horizontal lines*
6090 FOR I=1 TO 95
6100 SET(19+I,35):SET(19+I,5)
6110 NEXT I
6120 REM *Close box*
6130 FOR I=35 TO 6 STEP -1
6140 SET(20,I):SET(114,I)
6150 NEXT I
6160 REM *Set Horizontal tic marks*
6170 FOR I=3 TO 95 STEP 8:RESET(20+I,35):NEXT I
6180 REM *Print months*
6190 PRINT#778,"Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec"

6200 REM *Print value for each month*
6210 FOR I=1 TO 12
6220 IF T(I)=0 THEN GOTO 6260
6230 FOR J=T(I) TO 0 STEP -1
6240 SET(15+8*I,35-T(I)+J)
6250 NEXT J
6260 NEXT I
6270 PRINT#142,"Max value occurred in ";M$(IM);": ";:PRINT USING
G$;TM;
6280 PRINT#842,"Plot for: ";N$(S1);:PRINT#970,"Press ENTER to co
ntinue.";
6290 INPUT A$;
6300 RETURN
6310 REM *Scale factor determined*
6320 ZM=1
6330 IF TM>25 GOTO 6410
6340 REM *Routine for TM less than 25*
6350 IF TM*ZM*2>25 THEN GOTO 6460
6360 IF TM*ZM*5>25 THEN ZM=ZM*2:GOTO 6460
6370 IF TM*ZM*10>25 THEN ZM=ZM*5:GOTO 6460
6380 ZM=ZM*10
6390 GOTO 6350
6400 REM *Routine for TM greater than 25*
6410 IF TM*ZM/2<25 THEN ZM=ZM/2:GOTO 6460
6420 IF TM*ZM/5<25 THEN ZM=ZM/5:GOTO 6460
6430 IF TM*ZM/10<25 THEN ZM=ZM/10:GOTO 6460
6440 ZM=ZM/10
6450 GOTO 6410
6460 RETURN
7000 PRINT:PRINT "Hope I was of service...":END
8990 REM *Instructions for adding checks*
9000 CLS
9010 PRINT "Add checks via DATA statements"
9020 PRINT:PRINT "Use one DATA statement per check (easier to edi
t)"
9030 PRINT "The program will list some DATA statements for you."
9040 PRINT "Format- LineNum DATA 13300,1,9.95,10"
9050 PRINT:PRINT "Program reads CheckNum <CN>,"
9060 PRINT "then, Month <M>, Amount <A>, Category <CT>"
9070 PRINT:PRINT "A CheckNum of -1 is End-of-File"
9080 PRINT:INPUT "Press ENTER when ready";A$
9090 CLS:LIST 10000-19999
10000 REM *Data Section*
13342 DATA 3342,1,10.00,16
13343 DATA 3343,1,16.56,19
13344 DATA 3344,1,30.00,12
13345 DATA 3345,1,17.33,10
13346 DATA 3346,1,13.73,23
13347 DATA 3347,1,10.00,23
13348 DATA 3348,1,5.00,16
13349 DATA 3349,1,53.89,5
13350 DATA 3350,1,28.26,19
19999 REM *Dummy line for update list*
55555 DATA -1

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*Using a shadow to put an object in perspective.*

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**P**erspective drawings are useful tools whether you are designing a new doghouse, redecorating the living room or even planning your company's new buildings. My company assigned me just such a project so I wrote this program to accomplish it.

Since the TRS-80 has poor graphic capabilities I wanted a program that would output a list

of coordinate points that I could plot on diagram paper. Then I would connect the points with straight lines to get the final drawing.

I use the computer's screen in the initial stages to move the object, turn it and change its size in front of an imaginary observer until I find the best point of view. You can do this when you have the object in blueprint or when you have it on the screen in perspective.

The program is uncomplicated and well documented. This made it easy to debug and allows you to tailor it to your own needs.

The program uses simple mathematics to calculate the points for your perspective drawing. When I first tried to write the program, I planned to use the vanishing point concept but each line in the drawing has its own vanishing point and I would have needed an infinite number of these points. Then an idea came to me—a shadow has the characteristics of a perspective.

If you imagine a small lamp fixed to an observer's head, he will be unable to see the shadow

of the object before him, because the object covers its shadow exactly, point by point. The observer has to look in the same direction to see a point on the real object and its shadow representation. Thus, to make a perspective drawing you have to calculate the projection of the object from a given point (the observer) onto a plane.

Figure 1 shows an object A placed in an X, Y, Z coordinate system. The observer is standing on the negative part of the Y-axis looking towards the plane defined by the X-axis and

the Z-axis. To make the calculations, divide the situation into two projections as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Figure 2 shows the projection of the shadow on the X-axis.  $\tan(V) = X_a/(Y_a - Y_o)$  and  $\tan(V) = X_s/Y_o$ ; therefore,  $X_s = X_a \cdot Y_o/(Y_a - Y_o)$ . In the same way you can calculate the distance SH (the distance from the shadow to the horizon) in Fig. 3.  $\tan(W) = (Z_a - Z_o)/(Y_a - Y_o)$  and  $\tan(W) = SH/Y_o$ ; therefore,  $SH = (Z_a - Z_o) \cdot Y_o/(Y_a - Y_o)$ . The program uses these two equations in lines 1280-1300.

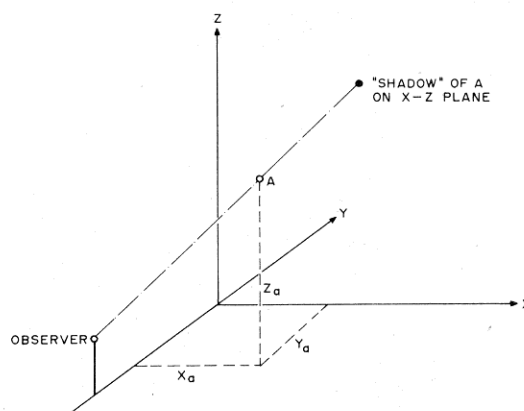


Figure 1

## The Key Box

Basic Level II  
Model I  
16K RAM

I felt, however, that projecting on a spherical wall with the center in the observer must be more correct. This is especially true when you are close and perhaps partly over the object (for example, when landing a Starship on M.S. Enterprise). If you have such plans, delete line 1280 and change lines 1290-1300 in the program listing to:

```
1290 P(N) = 92 * SIN( ATN( ( X(N) - 63 ) / Y(N) ) )
1300 Q(N) = 92 * SIN( ATN( ( Z(N) - 0 ) / Y(N) ) )
```

For most purposes the first projection on a flat wall is more natural, possibly because that is the one we see in photos.

### The Program

I wrote the program on a 16K TRS-80 Model I, Level II. The program explains itself and prompts you for the inputs.

During the blueprint mode the center of the coordinate system is placed in the lower leftmost corner with the X-axis pointing to the right, the Y-axis pointing upwards and the Z-axis pointing towards you. Turns in this mode,

as well as turns in perspective mode, are effected around a point in the middle of the screen, marked with an asterisk. The observer is standing on the lower part of the screen and you must imagine the wall of projection as following the upper edge of the display. (This wall is no limit. You may place your objects in front of it, behind it or crossing it and still get the cor-

rect perspective.) You have 126 units (feet, meters, lightyears and so on) across the screen and 92 from bottom to top.

In the perspective mode the center of the coordinate system is a point in the middle of the horizon line. In perspective mode only defined connections are presented on the screen. Single, non-connected points will not appear until you ask for

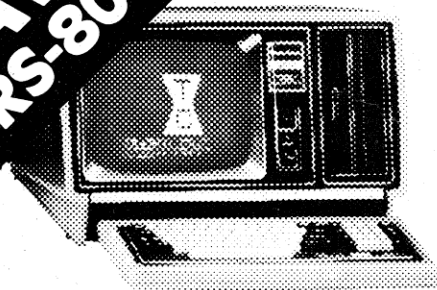
the coordinates as the final step of running the program. The display's low resolution will turn the screen all white if you are trying to enter a complicated drawing. Connect the outlines of your object first, and let less important points (corners of windows, doorknobs and so forth) float around as preliminary hidden values in the computer's memory. This procedure

### Program Listing.

```
5 CLS
10 CLEAR 200
50 A=100
70 DEFINT N,M,F
80 DIMX(A),Y(A),Z(A),P(A),Q(A)
90 DIM C1(A),C2(A)
95 N1=0:N2=0
100 PRINT"THIS PROGRAM IS FOR DRAWING IN PERSPECTIVE":PRINT:PRINT
110 PRINT"AT FIRST YOU MUST ENTER THE X , Y AND Z COORDINATES FOR"
115 PRINT"EACH POINT."
120 PRINT:PRINT"IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE ENTER 'AGAIN' AND WHEN YOU FINISH"
125 PRINT"ENTER 'FIN'."
130 N=N1
150 N=N+1
160 PRINT:PRINT"POINT NO.":N
170 INPUT"X ";XS
180 IF XS="AGAIN" THEN 181 ELSE 190
181 FOR M=1TON-1
182 PRINT"POINT":M,X(M),Y(M),Z(M)
183 NEXTM
185 IF N>5 THEN N=N-6:GOTO 150 ELSE N1=0:GOTO 130
190 IF XS="FIN" THEN 300
200 X(N)=VAL(XS)
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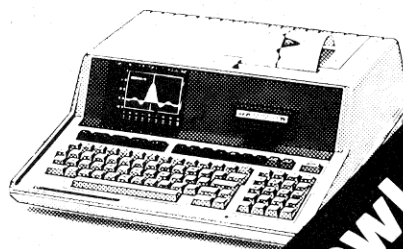
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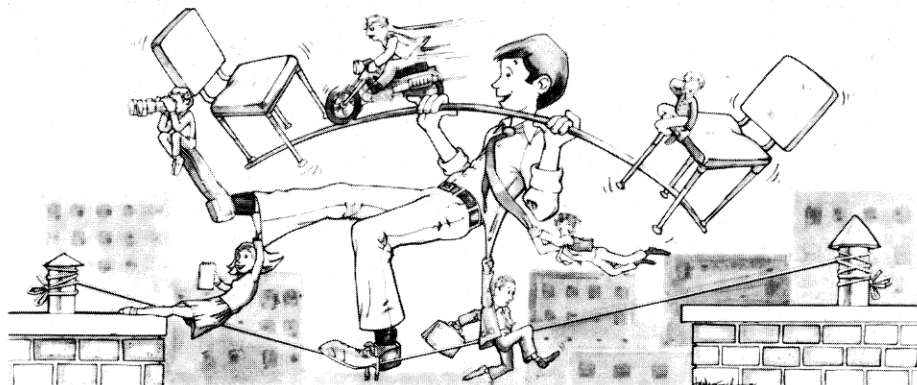
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210 INPUT "Y";Y(N)
220 INPUT "Z";Z(N)
230 GOTO 150
300 N1=N-1:CLS
310 PRINT"NOW ENTER THE POINTS CONNECTED .....":PRINT
320 PRINT"ALSO HERE YOU MAY START OVER TYPING 'AGAIN'."
330 PRINT"TYPE 'FIN' WHEN YOU FINISH."
335 PRINT:PRINT"MAX. POINT NUMBER IS:";N1
340 N=N2
350 N=N+1
360 PRINT:PRINT"PAIR NO.:";N
370 INPUT"FIRST POINT ";C1$
380 IF C1$="AGAIN" THEN 381 ELSE 390
381 FOR M=1 TO N-1
382 PRINT"CONNECTION NO.:";M,C1(M),C2(M)
383 NEXTM
385 IF N>5 THEN N=N-6:GOTO 350 ELSE N2=0:GOTO 340
390 IF C1$="FIN" THEN 450
400 C1(N)=VAL(C1$)
410 INPUT"SECOND POINT";C2(N)
420 IF C1(N)>N1 OR C1(N)<=0 OR C2(N)>N1 OR C2(N)<=0 PRINT"YOU HAVE USED A
POINT THAT DON'T EXIST.":N=N-1
440 GOTO 350
450 N2=N-1:CLS
460 PRINT"THE PROJECTION OF THE ITEM ON THE X-Y PLANE WILL"
470 PRINT"NOW BE DRAWN AND YOU WILL BE ASKED IF YOU WANT IT"
480 PRINT"RELOCATED AND CHANGED IN SIZE."
485 PRINT"YOU MAY ALSO CHOOSE 'RETURN' TO ADD MORE POINTS AND LINES."
490 PRINT:PRINT"POINT NO.1 IS REFERENCE.(YOU COULD HAVE DEFINED THIS POINT
AS"
495 PRINT"A 'DUMMY POINT' IN ORDER TO CENTER THE DRAWING.)"
500 PRINT:PRINT"HIT ANY KEY TO CONTINUE...."
505 QS=INKEY$:IF QS="" THEN 505
510 G=1:L=1:CLS:GOSUB5000
600 E$=STRING$(63," ")
700 PRINT00,"PLEASE CHOOSE BETWEEN:";
710 PRINT064,"1-MOVE 2-CHANGE SIZE 3-TURN 4-RETURN 5-CONTINUE";
720 INPUT Q
725 IF Q<1 OR Q>5 THEN 740
730 ON Q GOTO 790,900,1000,120,1200
740 PRINT00,E$;PRINT00,"ONLY 1 TO 5, PLEASE...";GOTO 720
790 PRINT00,E$;PRINT00,"ACTUAL COORDINATES FOR POINT 1:";X(1);",";Y(1);
800 PRINT064,E$;PRINT064,"INPUT CHANGE IN COORDINATES FOR THAT POINT:";
810 INPUT X,Y
830 FOR N=1 TO N1
840 X(N)=X(N)+X:Y(N)=Y(N)+Y
850 NEXT N:CLS:GOSUB 5000
860 GOTO 700
900 PRINT00,"INPUT CHANGE IN SIZE AS A NUMBER GREATER";

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A 3D coordinate system with axes labeled X, Y, and Z. The Z-axis is vertical, the Y-axis is horizontal and points to the left, and the X-axis is horizontal and points into the page. A beam element is represented by a line segment from point S to point O. Point S is on the Z-axis. Point O is in the XY-plane. A point A is located on the beam segment SO. A vertical dashed line connects point A to point H on the Z-axis. A horizontal dashed line connects point H to point W on the beam segment SO. A curved arrow at point O indicates a moment about the Y-axis.

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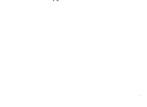
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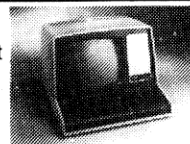
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910 PRINT#64,ES;:PRINT#64,"OR SMALLER THAN ONE....":INPUT#
920 X=X(1):Y=Y(1):L=K*L
930 FOR N=1 TO N1
940 X(N)=K*X(N):Y(N)=K*Y(N):Z(N)=K*Z(N)
950 NEXT N
960 X=X-X(1):Y=Y-Y(1)
970 FOR N=1 TO N1
980 X(N)=X(N)+X:Y(N)=Y(N)+Y
985 NEXTN
990 CLS:GOSUB 5000:GOTO 700
1000 PRINT#0,ES;:PRINT#0,"ENTER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE ANGEL OF TURN";
1010 PRINT#64,ES;:PRINT#64,"IN DEGREES";
1020 INPUT V
1025 V=V-180
1030 V=V*3.14159/180
1040 FOR N=1 TO N1
1050 X(N)=63-X(N):Y(N)=46-Y(N)
1060 NEXT N
1070 FOR N=1 TO N1
1075 W=X(N)
1080 X(N)=W*COS(V)+Y(N)*SIN(V)
1090 Y(N)=-W*SIN(V)+Y(N)*COS(V)
1100 NEXTN
1110 FOR N=1 TO N1
1120 X(N)=63+X(N):Y(N)=46+Y(N)
1130 NEXT N
1135 IF F=1 THEN F=0:GOTO 1270
1140 CLS:GOSUB 5000
1150 GOTO 700
1200 CLS
1210 PRINT#0,"NOW TO DRAWING THE PERSPECTIVE....";
1220 PRINT#64,"ENTER ALTITUDE OF THE OBSERVER";
1230 INPUT O:O=O*L
1270 FOR N=1 TO N1
1275 IF Y(N)=0 THEN Y(N)=-.001
1280 B=92/Y(N)
1290 P(N)=B*(X(N)-63)
1300 Q(N)=B*(Z(N)-0)
1340 NEXT N
1350 CLS:GOSUB 6000
1353 HO=448-64*H
1356 IF HO<64 OR HO>960 THEN 1400
1360 PRINT#HO,"HORIZON ---";
1370 PRINT#HO+57,"-----";
1400 PRINT#0,ES;:PRINT#64,ES;
1410 PRINT#0,"CHOOSE ONE OF FOLLOWING OPTIONS:";
1420 PRINT#64,"1-COORD 2-ALT.OBS 3-SIZE 4-TURN 5-HORIZ 6-SKETCH 7-END
";
1430 INPUT Q
1440 IF Q>7 OR Q<0 PRINT#0,ES;:PRINT#0,"ONLY ONE TO SEVEN, PLEASE...":GOTO
1420
1450 ON Q GOTO 1500,1600,1700,1800,2000,1900,4999
1500 CLS:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"THESE ARE THE COORDINATES FOR DRAWING THE PERSPE
CTIVE:";PRINT"(HIT ANY KEY WHEN PROGRAM STOPS)";PRINT
1510 FOR N=1 TO N1
1520 PRINT"POINT NO.",N,INT(P(N)*100+.5)/100,INT(Q(N)*100+.5)/100
1530 IF N>10 THEN 1580
1550 NEXT N
1555 QS=INKEY$:IF QS="" THEN 1555
1560 GOTO 1350
1580 QS=INKEY$:IF QS="" THEN 1580
1590 GOTO 1550
1600 PRINT#0,ES;:PRINT#64,ES;:PRINT#64,"ENTER NEW ALTITUDE OF OBSERVER:";
1610 INPUT O:O=O*L
1620 GOTO 1270
1700 PRINT#0,ES;:PRINT#64,ES;
1710 PRINT#0,"ENTER CHANGE IN SIZE AS A NUMBER GREATER OR SMALLER";
1720 PRINT#64,"THAN ONE.";
1730 INPUT I
1740 G=I:CLS:O=O*I
1750 GOSUB 6000
1790 GOTO 1353
1800 PRINT#0,ES;:PRINT#64,ES;
1810 PRINT#0,"ENTER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE ANGLE OF TURN:";
1820 INPUT V
1830 F=1:V=V-180:V=V*3.14159/180
1840 GOTO 1040
1900 GOTO 510
2000 PRINT#0,ES;:PRINT#64,ES;
2010 PRINT#0,"MOVE THE HORIZON UP WITH A POSITIVE NUMBER, DOWN WITH";
2020 PRINT#64,"A NEGATIVE (STAY ON SCREEN BETWEEN -7 AND 7)";
2030 INPUT H
2040 GOTO 1350
4999 END
5000 FOR N=1 TO N2
5010 S1=X(C1(N)):T1=Y(C1(N))
5020 S2=X(C2(N)):T2=Y(C2(N))
5030 T1=47-T1/2:T2=47-T2/2
5040 D=SQR((S2-S1)^2+(T2-T1)^2)
5045 IF D=0 THEN D=1
5050 FOR M=1 TO D
5060 S3=S1+M*(S2-S1)/D
5070 T3=T1+M*(T2-T1)/D
5080 IF S3>126 OR S3<0 OR T3>47 OR T3<0 THEN 5100
5090 SET(S3+.1,T3+.1)
5100 NEXTM:NEXTN
5110 PRINT#479,"**";
5120 PRINT#991,"[ :OBSERVER";
5130 RETURN
6000 FOR N=1 TO N2
6010 S1=P(C1(N)):T1=Q(C1(N))
6020 S2=P(C2(N)):T2=Q(C2(N))
6030 S1=S1*G+63:S2=S2*G+63
6040 T1=22-H*3-G*T1/2:T2=22-H*3-G*T2/2
6050 D=SQR((S2-S1)^2+(T2-T1)^2):IF D=0 THEN D=1
6060 FOR M=1 TO D STEP 2
6070 S3=S1+M*(S2-S1)/D
6080 T3=T1+M*(T2-T1)/D
6090 IF S3>126 OR S3<0 OR T3>46 OR T3<0 THEN 6110
6100 SET(S3+.1,T3+.1)
6110 NEXTM:NEXTN
6120 RETURN

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will help you to choose the best point of view of your object.

Currently, you may define up to 100 points and connections, but you can change this by letting A in line 50 have another value.

Apart from correcting errors, you can use the Return option in blueprint mode when you want to draw many objects of the same form. You enter the first object, move it to another position, choose the Return option and enter the next using the same coordinates and repeat the procedure.

Be sure no point lines up with or behind the observer in perspective mode. If one does, the shadow will be projected to infinity.

### An Example

Draw a box 20 feet long, 10 feet wide and 7 feet high in perspective.

Table 1 lists the coordinates of the corners of the box (with one corner in 0, 0, 0).

Next, move the box to the point 40,40 by going to the menu, selecting the move option and entering 40,40. Next, change the box's size by a factor of 2. Then turn the box around in an angle of 40 degrees and finally move it with -5.0.

Continue in the menu means to prepare for drawing the perspective. The program will ask you: "How tall is your observer?" You may answer any positive or negative number, but if you choose a large one, your object could be drawn outside the screen because the horizon initially is placed in the middle. To move your drawing back to the display choose the menu's horizon-move option.

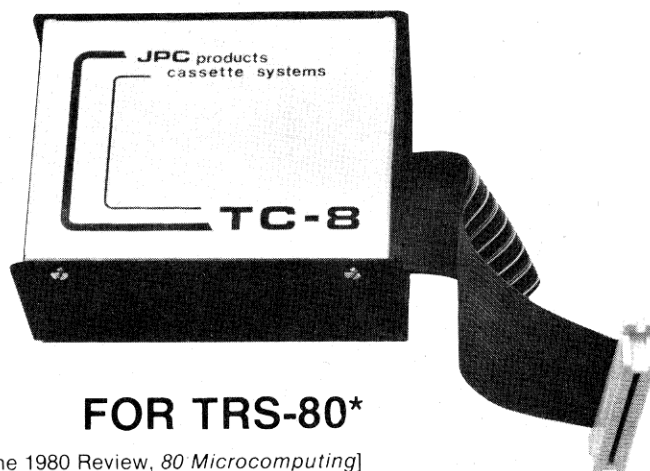
In this example I chose four (feet) and the drawing satisfied me. At this point you can ask the computer for the coordinates. Table 2 lists the coordinates for this example and Fig. 4 shows the results of plotting those points and connecting them with lines. Figures 5, 6 and 7 show a more complicated drawing.

### Future Projects

You can add an option for tilting the object towards you. Since I was dealing with build-

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I guess I don't have to tell any TRS-80 owners how frustrating the cassette system that comes with the computer can be. Even with the factory mod that's available, the annoyance of loading and checking programs becomes just barely tolerable.

If you're like me, after you've just plunked down a chunk of money for a Level II 16K machine, "you ain't got nuttin left" for even one disk drive at 500 bucks apiece. So you suffer.

A reasonable alternative is the Exatron Stringy Floppy (ESF). This will cost you about 250 bucks and totally eliminates your loading and saving problems, automatically and fast. I've had one of these for about six months and love it!

But, if the price is still too steep, have I got a device for you!

## The Device

The February 1980 issue of *Microcomputing* had an ad that intrigued the hell out of me. It was a high-speed cassette system by JPC Products acclaimed as a "poor man's floppy." It made all sorts of seemingly ridiculous claims such as "loads five times faster," "stores 50,000 bytes on a 10-minute cassette," "less than one bad load in a million bytes with the volume control anywhere between one and eight."

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The ad had even claimed anyone could build it even if you have never soldered before. JPC would make it work, if you couldn't—for free. I was sold. I placed my order, and it arrived about two months later (parts shortage).

I work in electronics, so I found the unit exceptionally easy to build. It took about an hour. The manual is superb. (That's better than great.) It was clear, concise and exact with no

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ambiguities. Important parts placements are stressed (polarity markings on electrolytics, bands on diodes, etc.).

JPC was right! With these instructions, you couldn't go wrong. The board quality is excellent. It is double-sided and parts locations are clearly marked on the component side of the board. There are no jumper wires to install. JPC utilizes PC traces and plated-through holes for connections to traces on the other side of the board.

Also, there are absolutely no adjustments or settings to bother with.

The documentation is a sheaf of  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  papers stapled together. It is written in the nicest format I've seen in a while. Each command and/or subjects is covered on its own sheet in large type. All explanations are in easy to read English—not computerese.

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**LOAD:** Reads the next BASIC program from the cassette.

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**LOADN:** Prints a list of all the programs on a cassette, until interrupted by the "break" key.

**LOADN"filename":** Same as above except the tape will stop at the end of the program named.

**KILL:** Removes the file manager program from memory so that the extra memory can be used by large programs.

**RSET:** Allows the operator to rewind and position the tape on tape recorders that have these functions tied to the motor control jack.

**RUN"filename":** TC-8 searches for a specified program and runs it immediately.

**PUT"filename":** Same as SAVE "filename", except it is for use with system tapes.

**GET:** Same as LOAD, except it is for use with system tapes.

**GET"filename":** Same as LOAD "filename", except it is for use with system tapes.

**GET? and GET?"filename":** Same as LOAD? and LOAD?"filename", except it is for use with system tapes.

**GETN and GETN"filename":** Same as

LOADN and LOADN"filename", except it is for use with system tapes.

**OPEN:** Required before cassette input or output of a data file can be attempted.

**CLOSE:** Required to end a cassette data file.

**PRINT#:** Allows numerical or string data to be output to a cassette file.

**INPUT#:** Allows numerical or string data to be input from a cassette file.

I haven't counted them, so I don't know about the "one load in a million bytes" claim, but my son, Anthony (age 11), loaded about 30 of his programs from his Radio Shack format tape to a new TC-8 format tape. He's run them all and found no bad loads.

Unlike the standard tape system, you can position your tape anywhere before the program you want and not have to look for a blank spot between programs. The TC-8 patiently waits for the program you want and then starts loading without getting confused by the portion of the previous program you just fed it.

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ings this was unimportant so I excluded it.

I would like to mount a movie camera in front of the CRT and take single pictures of each display, changing the position of the objects only little by little. Running the movie would then

create illusions like walking around in a small town. An alternative would be to translate parts of the program into machine language.

The current version of the program is the X-ray version where all lines are presented even if, in

real life, the foreground would have covered them. For plotting on diagram paper this is a necessary feature, but if you want to depend more on the screen display, find an algorithm that makes foreground figures cover the background.

Another interesting possibility would be to work backwards from the drawing to the blue-

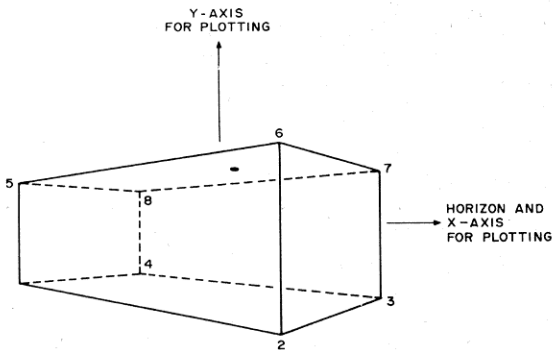
print. Imagine entering some key points from an old painting. Going backwards in the program (or going forward many times, until the points fit) you would map the surroundings of the artist. You could even tell how tall he was, at least from his feet to his eyes. You could also transform old paintings into three-dimensional pictures. ■

Corner No.	X	Y	Z	
1	0	0	0	
2	20	0	0	For the Bottom
3	20	10	0	
4	0	10	0	
5	0	0	7	
6	20	0	7	For the Lid
7	20	10	7	
8	0	10	7	

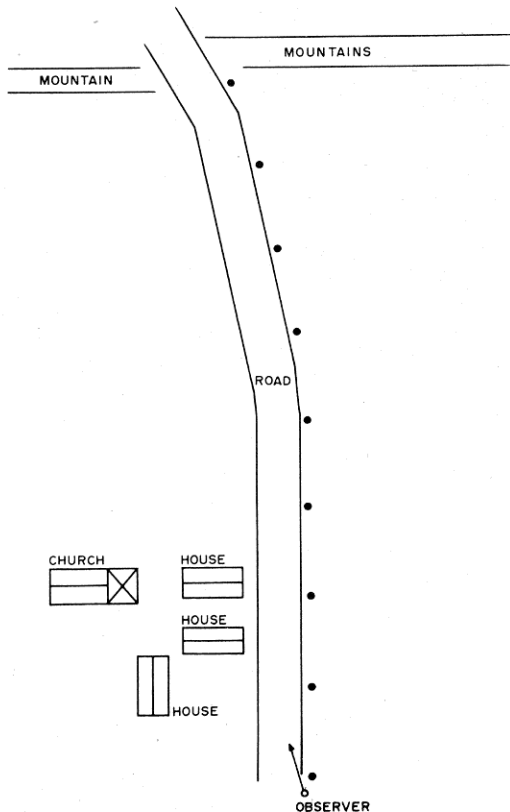
**Table 1**

Point No.	X perspective	Y perspective
1	-43.35	-13.1
2	12.58	-24.15
3	34.19	-16.07
4	-17.52	-10.29
5	-43.35	9.82
6	12.58	18.11
7	34.19	12.05
8	-17.52	7.72

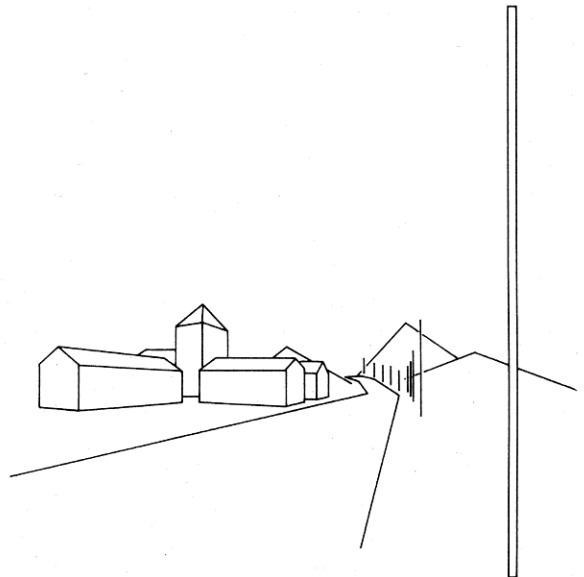
**Table 2**



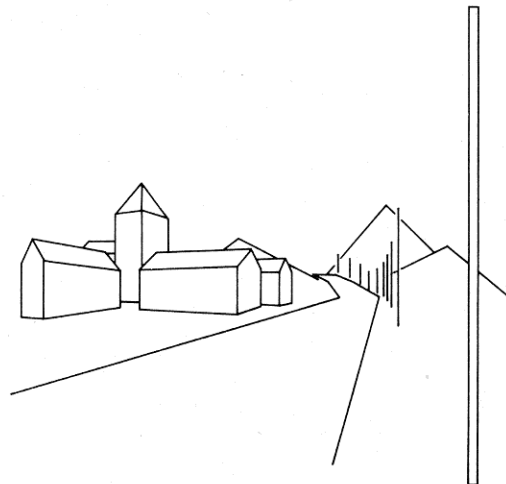
**Figure 4**



**Fig. 5. Blueprint representation**



**Fig. 6. Projection on flat wall**



**Fig. 7. Projection on spheric wall**

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  - **ERROR** command displays error message associated with error code.
  - **HIMEM** command sets/displays DOS/BASIC high memory address.
  - **DATE** command sets/displays computer's date.
  - **TIME** command sets/displays computer's time.
  - Model III **FORMS** command for printer control.
  - Model III **SETCOM** command for RS232 control.
  - Enhanced **LIST/PRINT** commands for ASCII files with pause, abort and partial file listing.
  - Alter chaining state via the **CHNON** command or commands within the chain file.
  - A program or a chaining sequence may display a message with/without pause.
  - **CLEAR** command to zero memory and to purge routes, user DOS commands and user timer routines.
  - Commands to enable/disable BREAK key, blinking cursor, lower case driver
  - **PROT** command to change diskette **NAME/DATE/PASSWORD**
  - **ATTRIB** command to change a file's attributes.
  - **CLS** command to clear screen.
  - **AUTO** specifies the command to execute automatically at reset/power-on.
  - **SYSTEM** specifies the default system configuration values (usually enable or disable) which become effective on RESET/POWER UP.
- Diskette/file password checking  
**RUN-ONLY** mode  
Keyboard debounce (Model I)  
Screen dump to printer (JKL)  
**DEBUG 123** entry  
**MINI-DOS**  
Break key as keyboard key  
Hardware lower case (Model I)  
Assign default drive number for **DIR**  
Assign default drive number for file creation  
Memory protect value  
Clear key as keyboard key  
Disk master password required for full diskette or **CBF COPY**  
Auto Repeat key function  
**TIME/DATE** question on power-up  
**TIME/DATE** question on reset  
Display disabled until operator/program reenables  
Manual operator chaining pause/abort  
Manual operator **AUTO** command override  
**R** = repeat last DOS command performed  
Built-in lower case driver (Model I)  
Lower to upper case toggle  
Blinking cursor  
Number of physical drives on computer  
Number of disk I/O retries  
Time delay for 1st repeat of auto repeat key  
Specify the cursor character  
Specify the write of the directory sector's address mark for Model I  
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## DISK BASIC FEATURES

- In one statement from DOS READY, BASIC can be brought up, the number of files set, the memory size set and a program LOADED or RUN.
- **RUN-ONLY** prevents the operator from getting to READY or DOS READY, thus giving the program almost total control.
- Via the CMD function, all DOS commands are executable from BASIC, either directly or dynamically.
- **MINI-DOS** is available from BASIC.
- **DEBUG** is available from BASIC.
- **CHAINING** is available from BASIC.
- Variable passing between programs via the **V** parameter of RUN.
- Abbreviated commands:  
(A)uto; (D)elete; (E)dit or comma; (L)ist or period
- Accidental text line deletion more difficult
- Text line scrolling forward or backward.
- Text page scrolling forward or backward.
- **DI** moves text line to new position
- **DU** duplicates text line to new position
- Built-in **RENUMBER** with line number and limited syntax error check. A portion of text may be moved to another part of the program with all references to that code resolved.
- Built-in **REFERENCE** function will display/print references to all line numbers, integers and variables. It will display references to a single line number, integer, string, function code (reserved word) or a group of packed or unpacked characters, and then allows displaying of each referencing text line in turn with editing as necessary.
- A program may be loaded into reserved high memory via CMD or MINI-DOS and its execution address extracted from the two bytes at 17411 (4403H).
- **MERGE** functions with packed or ASCII text files.
- Built-in text space eliminator and/or remark deleter.
- Built-in calendar date conversion.
- Dynamic **ERASE** of selected variables, keeping all others.
- Dynamic **KEEP** selected variables, **CLEARing** all others.
- After clearing an array via **ERASE** or **KEEP**, the array may be redimensioned via **DIM**.
- Dynamic text line deletion.
- Dynamic text line insertion via **MERGE**, which with dynamic **DELETE**, allows use of overlays.
- **SWAP** contents of 2 variables of the same type.
- Single Stepping starting at specified text line number.
- In-memory sort of up to 9 arrays in either ascending or descending order
- **RENEW** function to reinstate **NEWed** program.
- Full BASIC error messages, including associate DOS error message, if applicable
- With default start up parameters and no reserved high memory, 48K RAM has 38261 bytes available.
- **SUPERZAP**, **DIRCHECK** and other programs using only memory from 5200H to 6FFFH can be executed directly from BASIC without disturbing the program text or variables (if 8K BASIC free memory available, exclusive of string area).

## FEATURES of NEWDOS/80 enhanced BASIC disk file I/O.

- In addition to TRSDOS sequential and random file types, **NEWDOS/80** has two new file types (Marked Item and Fixed Item) divided into five subtypes (**MF**, **MU**, **MI**, **FF** and **FI**)
- These five subtypes do not require **LSET**, **RSET**, **MKIS**, **MKSS**, **MKDS**, **CVI**, **CVS** or **CVD**; instead, **GETs** and **PUTs** are done directly to/from the variables named in a list.
- The string separating character sequence ";", ";"; used with **PRINT** is not used with the new file types; instead only a comma is used as the separator.

- **MU** files are used as an option to the older **PRINT/INPUT** files.
- **FF** files are used as an option to the older **RANDOM** files.
- Record lengths up to 4095 bytes supported.
- Records may be all of the same length (**MF** and **FF**), of varying lengths (**MU**) or unknown length (**MI** and **FI**).
- Sequential files may be accessed randomly.
- Files may be accessed by **Relative Byte Address** to allow accessing of variable length or unknown length records.
- Existing files may be extended.

## UTILITY PROGRAMS INCLUDED WITH NEWDOS/80

- **SUPERZAP** is a disk/memory display and modification program, also used as the vehicle for installing patches to **NEWDOS/80**.
- **DISASSEM** is a Z80 load module (CMD) disassembler that builds cross reference tables for all location references including those by JR instructions, includes in the disassembly printable characters for all hex bytes to help locate character strings and sends the disassembly to the display, printer or a disk file. The disk file can then be edited and/or assembled using **EDTASM**, if it is not too large.
- **DIRCHECK** is a program that displays directory contents and checks directory integrity (its primary function), displaying specific error codes to assist user attempts at directory trouble shooting and/or repair. Optionally will zero out unused (dead) file names.
- **EDTASM** is Apparat's enhancement of Radio Shack's 1978 tape editor/assembler program to operate from disk and with disk files. Requires purchase of that Radio Shack program (not a newer one) as a pre-condition of use of Apparat's **EDTASM**.
- **LMOFFSET** allows load module (CMD) transfer between disk and tape. Displays program start, end and entry addresses. Optionally allows load address relocation (not execution relocation) and subsequent execution as from non-disk BASIC via **SYSTEM**.
- **CHAINBLD** is a mini-text editor for creating/maintaining chaining files.
- **NEWDOS/80** manual chapter titles and page counts
  1. Introduction (5)
  2. DOS Library Commands (52)
  3. DOS Routines (12)
  4. DOS Features (14)
  5. DOS Modules, Data Structures, and Miscellaneous Information (12)
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  10. Glossary (9)
  11. Error Reporting, Incompatibility Handling, and Patching (8)
  12. Conversion Information and Miscellaneous Comments (9)
  13. ZAPs (increasing with time)
  14. Appendix A: Marked and Fixed Item File discussion (47)
  15. Appendix B: Marked and Fixed Item File examples (18)
  16. Index (4)
- Full time support staff
- Information, minor enhancements and corrections to **NEWDOS/80** are issued, at no charge, to registered owners only.

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# Computer Racing Form

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I designed "Thoroughbred Handicapping for Profit" to make winning money on horse races less chancy. The program

## The Key Box

Basic Level II  
Model I or III

runs on Models I and III TRS-80 but will run on any machine that uses Microsoft Basic with only minor changes. The program can help handicappers recoup the losses incurred annually in the money the track and the state take from betting pools.

Handicapping works like this: The three betting pools on each race are win, place and show. Our illustration considers the win pool.

The "Totalisator," a computer connected to the ticket machines in the sellers' windows, keeps track of all wagers. The amount bet on each horse and the total bet are updated and

displayed on the Tote Board in the track infield about once a minute.

When the windows close just before the race the Tote makes a final calculation of the total amount bet on the race. The legal rakeoff of 18 to 20 percent is deducted from the total and the remainder is divided among the winners in proportion to how much they wagered on the horse.

The place pool is divided in two to pay those holding tickets on the first or second finisher, while the show pool is divided in three.

The successful handicapper must pick enough winners to

stay ahead of the game, and also overcome the percentages. Contrast this with playing blackjack in a casino where the house percentage is much lower.

Winning bets must pay a decent return. You will not break even playing favorites because they win only about one-third of all races. A payoff in the neighborhood of \$2.20 for each two dollars bet on an odds-on favorite loses \$3.80 out of each \$6.00 bet. Any method which picks forty percent winners at a decent return is a moneymaker.

## Using the Daily Racing Form

Thoroughbred Handicapping

## Program Listing

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10 CLEAR 300
20 CLS:X=64:Z=64:Y=0
30 SET(X,Y):SET(Z,Y):SET(X-1,Y):SET(Z+1,Y)
40 X=X-1:Z=Z+1:Y=Y+1
50 IF Y=23 THEN 70
60 GOTO 30
70 SET(X,Y):SET(Z,Y):SET(X-1,Y):SET(Z+1,Y)
80 X=X+1:Z=Z-1:Y=Y+1
90 IF Y=47 THEN 110
100 GOTO 70
110 X=X+1:Z=Z-1:Y=Y+1
120 SET(X,Y):SET(Z,Y)
130 X=X+1:Z=Z-1
140 IF X=41 THEN 160
150 GOTO 120
160 Y=0:X=0:Z=127
170 SET(X,Y):SET(Z,Y):IF Y=47 THEN 190
180 Y=Y+1:GOTO 170
190 X=0:Y=0:Z=47:Q=127
200 SET(X,Y):SET(Q,Z):IF Q=0 THEN 220
210 X=X+1:Q=Q-1:GOTO 200
220 PRINT#65,"THOROUGHbred";:GOSUB 310
230 PRINT#110,"HANDICAPPING FOR";:GOSUB 310
240 PRINT#160,"P";:GOSUB 310 :PRINT#288,"R";:GOSUB 310 :PRINT#
416,"O";:GOSUB 310 :PRINT#544,"F";:GOSUB 310 :PRINT#672,"I";:G
OSUB 310 :PRINT#800,"T";:GOSUB 310
250 PRINT#897,"COPYRIGHT 1980, 1981";
260 PRINT#894,"BY RONALD BOBO";
270 'PROGRAMMED BY RONALD H BOBO, 3246 GRAVOIS, ST LOUIS, MO.
280 '63118 SEPT 1979
290 'VERSION 2.0 AUGUST 1980
300 FOR X=1 TO 2000:NEXT X:GOTO 320
310 FOR X=1 TO 300:NEXT X:RETURN
320 FOR X=960 TO 0 STEP -64:PRINT#CHR$(30);:FOR Y=1 TO 10:NEXT
:Y
330 PRINT#64,STRINGS(64,CHR$(167))
340 PRINT" THIS PROGRAM IS OFFERED FOR PURELY INFORMATIONAL P
URPOSES."
350 PRINT" AND NOT AS AN INDUCEMENT TO ILLEGAL WAGERING. IN
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FACT,
360 PRINT" EVEN WHERE OFF-TRACK BETTING IS LEGAL, WE RECOMMEN
D
370 PRINT" THAT ALL WAGERS BE MADE AT THE TRACK IF POSSIBLE,

380 PRINT" SINCE A HORSE THAT LOOKS GOOD IN THE FIGURES MAY S
OMETIMES
390 PRINT" BE ELIMINATED AFTER VISUAL INSPECTION IN THE PADDO
CK OR
400 PRINT" POST PARADE.
410 PRINT
420 PRINT STRINGS(64,CHR$(182))
430 PRINT:FOR X=1 TO 1500:NEXT X:PRINT"PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE"
440 AS=INKEY$:IF AS="" THEN 440
450 RS="###"
460 DIM S(41,10),D(46,12),N(16),H(16),HS(16),PC(16),SC(16),F(16)
:R1(16),R2(16),R3(16),RT(16),W(16),BL(16)
470 CLS:PRINT#470,"READING DATA BANK..."
1000 FOR R=1 TO 41:FOR C=1 TO 10:READ S(R,C):NEXT C,R
1010 FOR R=1 TO 46:FOR C=1 TO 12:READ D(R,C):NEXT C,R
1020 CLS
1030 PRINT#512,"HOW MANY HORSES DO YOU WISH TO RATE IN THIS RACE
";STRINGS(5,95);STRINGS(5,24);CHR$(15);:INPUT H:IF H<10RH>16PRIN
T"ERROR - TRY AGAIN":GOTO 1030
1040 FOR N=1 TO H
1050 CLS:PRINT#TYPE NAME OF HORSE #";N;STRINGS(15,95);STRINGS(15
,24);:INPUT HS(N):HS(N)=LEFT$(HS(N),15)
1060 PRINT:PRINT#WAS";HS(N);"S RACE OVER ONE MILE (Y OR N)";ST
RINGS(4,95);STRINGS(4,24);
1070 INPUT Y$:IF Y$="Y"THEN 1080 ELSE IF Y$="N" THEN 1100 ELSE P
RINT"ERROR - TRY AGAIN":GOTO 1060
1080 CLS:PRINT#INDICATE LENGTH OF RACE BEING USED FOR RATING":PR
INT:PRINT"1 = 1 MI & 40 YDS"
1090 PRINT"2 = 1 MI & 70 YDS":PRINT"3 = 1 1/16 MI":PRINT"4 = 1 1
/8 MI":PRINT"5 = 1 3/16 MI":PRINT"6 = 1 1/4 MI":PRINT"7 = 1 1/2
MI"
1100 PRINT:PRINTSTRINGS(4,95);STRINGS(4,24);:INPUT LR
1110 ON LR GOTO 1120, 1130, 1140, 1150, 1160, 1170, 1180
1120 CO=5:GOTO 1890
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Program continues

for Profit uses information on past performances in the Daily Racing Form. An abbreviated explanation of the past performance charts appear in each issue; the publisher also puts out a guidebook. A current issue of the Form gives details on how to obtain it.

When you have the Form go through the races at the track where you intend to handicap. Read the conditions of each race printed directly following the number of the race. Eliminate any *maiden* race unless all the starters have at least two races listed in their past performances. A maiden is a horse which has never won a race; the term has nothing to do with whether said horse is male or female. Some handicappers eliminate maiden races altogether, but doing so eliminates some juicy payoffs. Next, eliminate any steeplechase races and all turf races.

Look through the past performances listed in the first race to be handicapped. Find a race run not more than thirty days before your date, in which the horse made a decent effort, preferably at the track where today's race will be run.

A horse making a decent effort either wins or finishes not more than six lengths behind the winner, or shows early speed, running first or within two lengths of the winner during the first part of the race. A horse running fourth and trailing the leader by six lengths at the stretch call makes a decent effort if it finishes fifth at three lengths behind.

Eliminate any horse not showing one good effort within the past thirty days, except a high class horse who has consistently run in races at a class equal to or higher than today's race and who is making a first start after a long layoff. Some higher class animals can be eased into racing form through workouts alone. If such a horse shows two or three good workouts within the last two weeks, include it in your figures. Rate such a horse from the last good race shown in the past performance, regardless of date.

After reading Data state-

ments into two large arrays, the computer asks the number of horses to be rated in the current race. Enter the number of horses not yet eliminated.

Next, enter the name of horse number one. The computer asks whether the race you are using to rate the horse was over a mile. Answer Y or N. When a list of standard race lengths is displayed indicate the distance of the race.

### More Calculations

Since all times given in the Racing Form are to the nearest fifth of a second, convert fractional times to decimal form by multiplying the fractional part of the time by two. Enter 23 4/5 seconds as 23.8.

The computer asks by how many lengths the horse was beaten in this race. If he won, or lost by only a head, enter zero (0). If beaten by a neck, enter .25; otherwise, enter the number of lengths shown in the Form.

The final item is the jockey weight scheduled in today's race.

Once you enter this information, the name of each horse is printed out along with both the pace and speed ratings assigned by the computer. This display is brief, since you need not know the ratings on every horse. The four top contenders are printed in order of pace rating. If the two top contenders are tied, the computer suggests betting on the horse with the higher speed rating.

Mark down these names and ratings, and bet accordingly on that race.

The top contender is your choice unless you spot something negative including, but not limited to, kidney sweat, extreme nervousness, and puffy bandages on the legs accompanied by a limp. If you see any of these signs, bet on the next horse on the list. This program blends the two schools of handicapping thought into one winning method (both speed and animal class figure).

Horses on the pace in a well-run race demonstrate ability repeatable within a reasonable amount of time. Winning form runs in cycles. Horses generally

### Program continued

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1130 CO=6:GOTO 1890
1140 CO=7:GOTO 1890
1150 CO=8:GOTO 1890
1160 CO=9:GOTO 1890
1170 CO=10:GOTO 1890
1180 CO=11:GOTO 1890
1190 CLS:PRINT"INDICATE LENGTH OF RACE BEING USED FOR RATING":PR
INT:PRINT"1 = 4 FURLONGS":PRINT"2 = FIVE FURLONGS":PRINT"3 = 5 1
/2 FURLONGS"
1200 PRINT"4 = 5 3/4 FURLONGS":PRINT"5 = 6 FURLONGS":PRINT"6 =
1/2 FURLONGS":PRINT"7 = 7 FURLONGS":PRINT"8 = 1 MILE"
1210 PRINT:PRINTSTRINGS(4,95);STRINGS(4,24);:INPUT LR:CLS
1220 ON LR GOTO 1230 , 1240 , 1250 , 1260 , 1270 , 1280 , 1290 ,
1300
1230 CO=2:GOTO 1310
1240 CO=3:GOTO 1310
1250 CO=4:GOTO 1310
1260 CO=5:GOTO 1310
1270 CO=6:GOTO 1310
1280 CO=7:GOTO 1310
1290 CO=8:GOTO 1310
1300 CO=9
1310 PRINT:PRINT"ENTER FRACTIONAL TIME CALLS AND FINISH TIME OF
LAST RACE"
USE DECIMAL FRACTIONS, E.G. 23 4/5 WOULD BE ENTERED AS 23.8,
1:22 1/5 WOULD BE ENTERED AS 122.2"
1320 PRINT:PRINT"FIRST CALL":STRINGS(6,95);STRINGS(6,24);:INPUT
FC(N)
1322 PRINT"SECOND CALL":STRINGS(6,95);STRINGS(6,24);:INPUT SC(N)

1324 PRINT"FINISH CALL":STRINGS(8,95);STRINGS(8,24);:INPUT F(N):
PRINTTAB(55);"WORKING..";
1330 FOR R=1 TO 41:FOR C=1 TO CO
1340 IF FC(N)=S(R,C) THEN R1(N)=S(R,10):GOTO 1360
1350 NEXT:NEXT
1360 FOR R=1 TO 41:FOR C=1 TO CO
1370 IF SC(N)=S(R,C) THEN R2(N)=S(R,10):GOTO 1390
1380 NEXT:NEXT
1390 FOR R=1 TO 41:FOR C=1 TO CO
1400 IF F(N)=S(R,C) THEN R3(N)=S(R,10):GOTO 1420
1410 NEXT:NEXT
1420 RT(N)=(R1(N)+R2(N)+R3(N))/3:CLS
1430 PRINT:PRINT"ENTER NUMBER OF LENGTHS ";HS(N);" WAS BEATEN IN
THIS RACE":PRINT" IF ";HS(N);" WON, ENTER 0. HD=0, NR=.25"
1440 PRINT:PRINTSTRINGS(4,95);STRINGS(4,24);:INPUT BL(N)
1450 RT(N)=RT(N)-BL(N)
1460 PRINT:PRINT"ENTER WEIGHT ";HS(N);" IS TO CARRY IN TODAY'S R
ACE"
1470 PRINT:PRINTSTRINGS(5,95);STRINGS(5,24);:INPUT W(N)
1480 NEXT N
1490 CLS
1500 PRINT"NAME",,"PACE RATING","SPEED RATING":PRINT
1510 FOR N=1 TO H
1520 PRINTHS(N),,PRINTUSING RS;RT(N);
1530 PRINT,,PRINTUSING RS;R3(N)
1540 NEXT
1550 FOR I=1 TO 2000:NEXT
1560 PRINT:PRINT"STARTING SORT..."
1570 N=H
1580 M=N
1590 M=INT(M/2)
1600 IF M=0 THEN 1760
1610 J=1:K=N-M
1620 I=J
1630 L=I+M
1640 IF RT(I)>RT(L) THEN 1720
1650 TR=RT(I):RT(I)=RT(L):RT(L)=TR
1660 KS=HS(I):HS(I)=HS(L):HS(L)=KS
1670 RR=R3(I):R3(I)=R3(L):R3(L)=RR
1680 WR=W(I):W(I)=W(L):W(L)=WR
1690 I=I-M
1700 IF I<1 THEN 1720
1710 GOTO 1630
1720 J=J+1
1730 IF J>K THEN 1590
1740 GOTO 1620
1750 N=H
1760 CLS:PRINT
1770 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(22)"FOUR TOP CONTENDERS":PRINT
1780 PRINT"NAME",,"PACE RATING","SPEED RATING"
1790 FOR I=1 TO 4
1800 PRINTHS(I),,PRINTUSING RS;RT(I);
1810 PRINT,,PRINTUSING RS;R3(I)
1820 NEXT I
1830 IF W(1)>120 THEN PRINT"CAUTION!! TOP RATED HORSE IS CARRYI
NG MORE THAN 120 POUNDS! DO NOT BET ON THIS RACE!"
1840 IF RT(1)=RT(2) AND R3(2)>R3(1) AND W(1)<120 AND W(2)<120
THEN PRINT:PRINT"PACE RATINGS TIED. BASED ON SPEED RATING, "H
S(2);" WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE BETTER BET"
1850 IF RT(1)=RT(2) AND RT(1)=RT(3) AND R3(3)>R3(2) AND R3(3)>R3
(1) AND W(1)<120 AND W(2)<120 AND W(3)<120 THEN PRINT:PRINT"PA
CE RATINGS TIED. BASED ON SPEED RATING, "HS(3);" WOULD APPEAR
TO BE THE BETTER BET."
1860 PRINT:PRINT"WANT TO FIGURE ANOTHER RACE (Y OR N)":STRINGS(3
,95);STRINGS(3,24);:INPUT AS
1870 FOR N=1 TO H:HS(N)=":RT(N)=0:R3(N)=0:W(N)=0:NEXT
1880 IF AS="Y" THEN 1820 ELSE IF AS="N" THEN 1882 ELSE IF AS<>"R
HB" THEN 1860 ELSE CLS:PRINTCHR$(23);PRINT88;"THIS PROGRAM COPYR
IGHT":PRINT89,"1988":PRINT156,"BY":PRINT210,"RONALD BOBO":PRI
NT:PRINT
1881 PRINT8324,"UNAUTHORIZED REPRODUCTION":PRINT412,"IS":PRINT8
458,"STRICTLY PROHIBITED":PRINT8524,"UNDER PENALTY OF":PRINT86
84,"LAW"
1882 END
1890 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"ENTER FRACTIONAL TIME CALLS AND FINISH TIME
OF LAST RACE"
USE DECIMAL FRACTIONS, E.G. 23 4/5 WOULD BE ENTERED AS 23.8,
1:22 1/5 WOULD BE ENTERED AS 122.2"
1900 PRINT:PRINT"FIRST CALL":STRINGS(6,95);STRINGS(6,24);:INPUT
FC(N)
1902 PRINT"SECOND CALL":STRINGS(6,95);STRINGS(6,24);:INPUT SC(N)

1904 PRINT"FINISH CALL":STRINGS(8,95);STRINGS(8,24);:INPUT F(N)
1906 PRINTTAB(55);"WORKING..";
1910 FOR R=1 TO 46:FOR C=1 TO CO
1920 IF FC(N)=D(R,C) THEN R1(N)=D(R,12):GOTO 1940
1930 NEXT:NEXT
1940 FOR R=1 TO 46:FOR C=1 TO CO
1950 IF SC(N)=D(R,C) THEN R2(N)=D(R,12):GOTO 1970
1960 NEXT:NEXT
1970 FOR R=1 TO 46:FOR C=1 TO CO
1980 IF F(N)=D(R,C) THEN R3(N)=D(R,12):GOTO 1420
1990 NEXT:NEXT
2000 GOTO 1420
2010 DATA 21.4,44.2,56.6,103.1,106.108.6,114.6,121.134.100
2020 DATA 21.6,44.4,56.8,103.4,106.2,108.8,114.8,121.2,134.2,99
2030 DATA 21.8,44.6,57.1,103.6,106.4,109.115.121.4,134.4,98
2040 DATA 22.4,44.8,57.2,103.8,106.6,109.2,115.2,121.6,134.6,97
2050 DATA 22.4,45.5,57.4,104.1,106.8,109.4,115.4,121.8,134.8,96
2060 DATA 22.4,45.2,57.6,104.2,107.1,109.6,115.6,122.1,135.95
2070 DATA 22.6,45.4,57.8,104.4,107.2,109.8,115.8,122.2,135.2,94

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Program continues



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2000 DATA 22,8,4,6,58,104,6,107,4,110,116,122,4,135,4,93
2001 DATA 23,45,8,58,2,104,8,107,6,110,122,116,2,122,6,135,6,92
2010 DATA 23,2,46,58,4,105,107,8,110,4,116,4,122,4,135,8,91
2110 DATA 23,4,46,2,58,6,105,2,108,110,6,116,6,123,136,90
2120 DATA 23,6,46,4,58,8,105,4,108,2,110,8,116,8,123,2,136,2,89
2130 DATA 23,6,46,6,59,105,6,108,4,111,117,123,4,136,4,88
2140 DATA 24,46,8,59,2,105,8,108,6,111,2,117,2,123,6,136,6,87
2150 DATA 24,47,59,4,106,108,8,111,4,117,4,123,8,136,8,86
2160 DATA 24,4,47,2,59,6,106,2,109,111,6,117,6,124,137,85
2170 DATA 24,6,47,4,59,8,106,4,109,2,111,8,117,8,124,2,137,2,84
2180 DATA 24,8,47,6,100,106,6,109,4,112,118,124,4,137,4,83
2190 DATA 25,47,8,100,2,106,8,109,6,112,2,118,2,124,6,137,6,82
2200 DATA 25,2,48,100,4,107,109,8,112,4,118,4,124,8,137,8,81
2210 DATA 25,4,48,2,100,6,107,2,110,112,6,118,6,125,138,80
2220 DATA 25,6,48,4,100,8,107,4,110,2,112,8,118,8,125,2,138,2,79
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race into form and gradually improve until *ready* for winning. After a time the horse begins to *stale off*. Therefore, the horse's last good effort must be more recent than thirty days ago.

The computer compares the entered time for each call with a reference table and assigns a temporary rating figure. After you enter all the times for the horse the computer assigns a final pace rating.

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A good money management

plan should accompany any handicapping method. The following plan is from Les Conklin's book "Payday at the Races."

Conklin advises betting a fifth of your bankroll on each choice. For example, if you start with a hundred dollars, your first bet is twenty to win. If you lose, you have eighty dollars left and the next bet is sixteen. Suppose, though, that you win at three-to-one on the first bet. You will earn sixty dollars plus the twenty you bet, for a total of one hundred and sixty dollars. Your next bet should be thirty-two dollars.

Mr. Conklin advises betting no more than two hundred dollars per race, because large bets affect the price paid on a winning bet.

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making the next one four dollars. Again a loss, so you bet eight. You have hit a bad day; sixteen dollars is called for. You lose, and bet thirty-two dollars on the next choice. Your luck is still bad. The method calls for a bet of sixty-four dollars, but you have only thirty-eight dollars left. The method failed after only five bets. If you now bet the remaining thirty-eight dollars and lose, you are wiped out after a string of only six losers.

Now try Conklin's method. Starting again with one hundred dollars, the first bet is twenty. After a loss, you wager one-fifth of eighty, or sixteen dollars. Losing again, you have sixty-four dollars left. A fifth of this is twelve dollars plus change; since bets may only be made in multiples of two or five dollars you bet twelve, leaving fifty-two. The next bet is ten. Losing again, you bet eight, leaving thirty-two dollars in the bankroll. This is a really miserable day: You lose once more, and the next bet is six dollars.

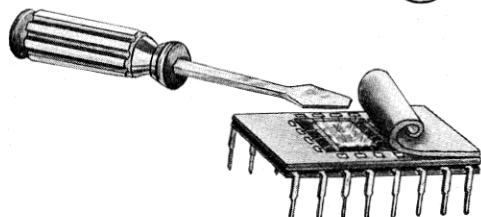
You have made six losing bets. Using the Martingale method the sixth bet wiped you out. Using Conklin's method, you still have twenty-eight dollars.

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You bet five dollars, one fifth of twenty-eight and leave twenty-three. Still on a losing streak, your next wager is four dollars, leaving nineteen. You can make nine two dollar bets and, if they all lose, you still have a dollar for carfare. The Martingale method broke you in a string of six losing bets. You stretched your bankroll to cover seventeen bets using Conklin's method of money management. While you might have a string of six losers, the odds are wildly against losing seventeen in a row if you follow the handicapping principles in this article.

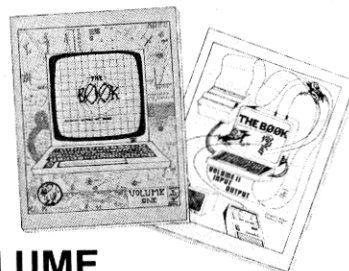
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*What those error messages really mean!*

# Out of Thin Error

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**E**stablishing a working relationship with my Model I might have been easier had I read the manual. I ran a lot of code through the computer before discovering the error messages flashing at me were predefined. In the meantime, however, I had compiled a list of what I decided the error messages must mean. In comparing my list with the Level II Basic Reference Manual Appendix, I discovered, to my horror, the writers at Radio Shack made some terrible mistakes. To help the TRS-80 programming public, I decided to publish the real meanings of the error codes. I have no doubt the list will make your debugging efforts a good deal easier.

## Explanation of Error Messages

**NF**—Not Fair, flashes anytime you take advantage of the com-

puter's vulnerability to power failure. You will see it flash as you accidentally turn the power off when the computer happens to be winning. It will only stay on the screen until the power supply capacitors lose their charge.

**SN**—Since Never, flashes when you create an endless loop. Since the loop never ends the

computer believes there must be an error.

**RG**—Runs Good. This message, demonstrating computer clairvoyance, occurs when an exceptionally long program works the first time. Invariably the media on which you save the program will self-destruct, forcing you to retype. Without question, this

second typing will save perfectly, but will be as buggy as a South American jungle.

**OD**—Odd Disease. You have created a bug the likes of which the computer has never before encountered.

**FC**—First Child. This is not really an error message. It is rather like playing an adventure in which the computer offers to sell a clue for a few points. Here the computer is offering to help you debug an error, but since programming is more serious than winning an adventure game, the computer responds accordingly.

**OV**—Over Voltage, added to the computer's list shortly after TRSDOS became available for the Model I. The historically versed user will recall that the release of TRSDOS was coincidental with a period of extremely flaky power.

**OM**—Out of Mind. The reference manual calls this an Out-of-Memory error, actually pretty close. The true meaning of this error is ambiguous; it either



refers to a glitch in the machine or is a response to something the programmer has asked the computer to do.

**UL**—Underwriter's Laboratories, usually refers to an odd modification the user has made to the computer's power supply.

**BS**—Beyond Stupidity. Most programmers feel this message is the computer's idea of a mildly

sage is elicited by some odd command you have given. The computer wants you to play Russian Roulette with an automatic pistol.

**ST**—Start Error. The computer is telling you this was your first mistake. You have two more chances before seeing the FC message.

**CN**—Care Not. Indicates you pushed the computer past the

*"... release of TRSDOS was coincidental with a period of extremely flaky power."*

obscene comment. They are fooling themselves. It is a caustic comment about your code.

**DD**—Double Dead. An error message indicating the computer has just killed both your work disk and your backup. Do not be smug. Even though your backup was not in the computer, it has still bit the dust.

**/0**—Slash Zero. The computer was trying to make its output look sleek by adding slash marks through the zeros. It sadly muffed the effort. This error is as much an apology as anything else.

**ID**—Identification. The computer does not recognize you and demands to know what you have done with its true owner. Often this message occurs shortly after a series of OM messages.

**TM**—Totally Misplaced. The computer has lost all your variable pointers or all your variables. In either case, the effect is the same.

**OS**—Out of Sight. If the computer is in a joking mood it will spontaneously print the OS message followed by an OM message. When serious, this message means the light pen is not hooked up.

**LS**—Last Shot. This biting mes-

sage is elicited by some odd command you have given. The computer wants you to play Russian Roulette with an automatic pistol.

**NR**—Never Return usually follows a CN error. The computer has wandered off into the ozone. You may have to buy another machine.

**RW**—Running Wild. If your computer is literate, it has read the book by the same name and is trying to intimidate you. This message also indicates the computer is locked into several simultaneous endless loops.

**UE**—Unprintable Error. This is one instance where the reference manual is correct in name. As to the cause of this error, due to publishing restrictions...

**MO**—The computer is having trouble with its random number generator. During a debug operation, the computer has made it through eeny, meeny and miney, and is hanging only on its last choice.

**FD**—Found Dead usually follows an LS message. The error which precipitates this message occurs with novice programmers prone to taking the computer a bit too seriously.

There you have it. I hope this amended list proves as valuable in your programming efforts as it has in mine. ■

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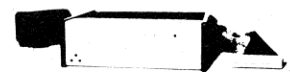
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# Model II Primer

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**T**he Tandy people say they sell a lot of Model IIs, but from where I sit I sometimes get the impression that I have the only one they ever sold.

Does everyone who has a Model II run *only* the business application programs they bought? Am I the only one who likes to experiment with this machine and make it do things other computers do?

I, too, have bought many programs that I use, but I also modify Basic programs, especially Level II material, to run on my computer. I have had some success but I get bored and northern Maine gets lonely at times.

These tips are for the person who has just bought a Model II and is still mystified by some of its commands. The Model II owner's manual is full of infor-

mation, but it is useless unless you are a professional programmer, though there are some things that you can use and understand if you try.

Skip the first part of the manual that deals with the operating system except for a few library commands and utility programs. Understand the following: Copy copies a file; Dir lists the disk directory; Error displays error messages; Forms sets the printer settings; Free displays disk use map; Help provides help with TRSDOS commands; Kill deletes a file; and Lib displays all library commands.

There are more commands, but unless you are a serious programmer, save your energy. They will frustrate and confuse you. As you gain experience, study the rest as you need them.

There are two very important utility programs: Backup duplicates a disk; and Format prepares a disk to receive data. You can study the remaining utilities as the need arises.

The next section of the manual is on Basic. If you have not used Level II computer Basic, then buy several good books on it, study them, and then go to Model II Basic. Level II Basic and Model II Basic are similar and you will find it easy to write programs with your Model II. David A. Lien's book about Basic and the Level II Basic manual will give you a good foundation.

If you compare the list of re-

served words from both Basics you will find that the Model II has more of them and has omitted some of the Level II words. Most of the missing words deal

with a particular session. You can also unplug the drive cable from the CRT and replace the disk terminator plug. Remember the terminator plug!

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***"Before you can store  
this program you must  
give it a name ..."***

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with graphics. The Model II is not a very good machine for graphics. You *can* do graphics with a Model II but it is not easy.

Read the owner's manual but not all at once. Then go back and read it over again. Again and again.

Make backup copies of all your disks. Hide them if you want to, but make some with all your work on them. I worked for three months on an educational program that I planned to use in one of my courses, and inadvertently placed other material on the same disk. I was in the final stages of debugging it and now I have to recreate the whole program from scratch. I do not even have a printer copy of it.

Be extra careful if you have expansion drives hooked up. Turn the expansion unit on *before* you load a disk into drive 0. Otherwise you will destroy that disk and never be able to access any information you have on it. Turn it on even if you do not plan to use it during that par-

Next, buy and use a disk drive cleaning disk. The inside of the drives get dirty and this can give you trouble with some of your program disks. Have good dust covers to put over your equipment. They are worth their weight in gold. These are tough machines but they have their limits. Reasonable care will keep them running for a long time.

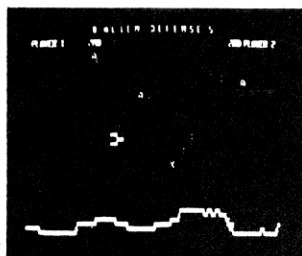
After you have studied the Basic manuals, or if you want to go cold turkey in the Model II Basic, memorize several Basic commands. The first one is how to call up Basic correctly. By correctly, I mean call it up the way you want to use it. If all you want is to play at writing programs and making things happen on the screen, then you key in only Basic, but if you want to use files, follow this procedure: When you are at the TRSDOS READY mode, type in the word BASIC followed by a space, then a hyphen (-), then the letter F, then a colon (:), and then a

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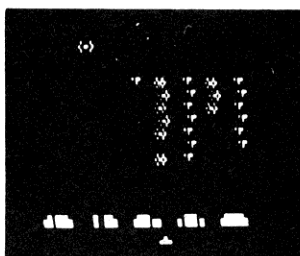


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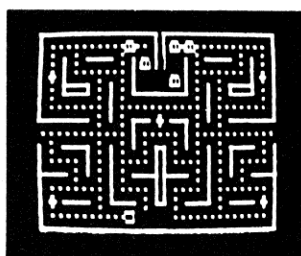
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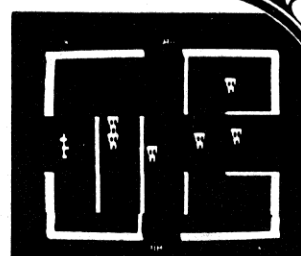
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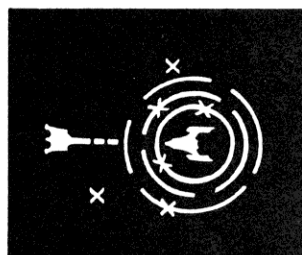
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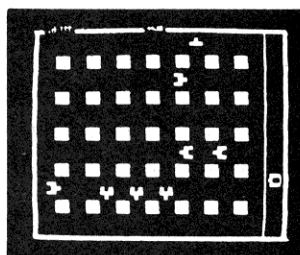
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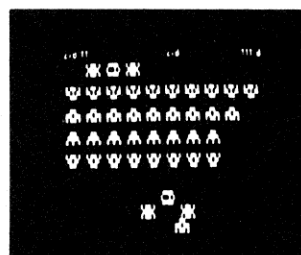
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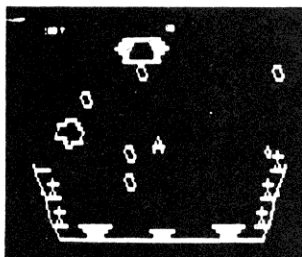
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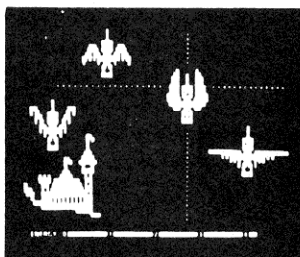
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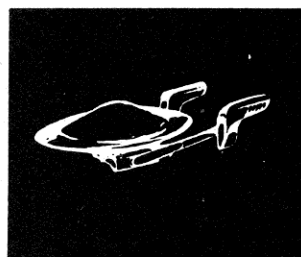
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number ranging from one to 15 (this number is for the amount of files you want to open; you cannot open more than 15).

For example, type BASIC-F:5. This tells the computer that you want to open five files.

The next command to memorize is Save. This command takes whatever you have written and stores it on the disk. But you must name the program so you can call it back out again by typing the command LOAD.

Suppose you have created a short program such as the following:

```
10 CLS
20 FOR I = 0 TO 1839
30 PRINT CHR$(143);
40 NEXT I
50 PRINT @995,CHR$(32);CHR$(200);
  CHR$(32);CHR$(197);CHR$(32);CHR$(
  204);CHR$(32);CHR$(208);CHR$(32)
60 END
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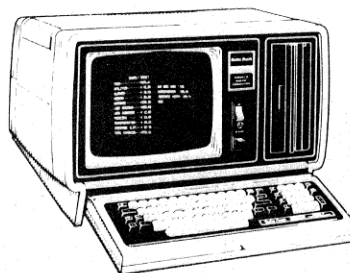
Before you can store this program you must give it a name, which Radio Shack Basic will call the filespec. Let's call it Lock-up for fun. To store it on disk type: SAVE"Lock-Up",A.

The computer automatically

creates a file named Lock-Up and puts your data there. Do not leave a space between the word save and the filespec; the commas tell the computer that this is a name and not a command or something else, and the A tells it to store it in ASCII format. If you leave it out the computer uses a compressed format. I suggest that you save everything in the ASCII format. It will make it easier when you start to make your own file formats.

To call this program back type: LOAD"LOCK-UP". Type in this short program and try to save it. To test your success after you have saved it, type in the command NEW which erases everything in the memory, then load the program, and type List which prints the program on the screen. To see what that program does after you load it, just type RUN. ■

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For all disk operations you will be asked a series of questions. Each question can be answered by pressing the ENTER Key or by entering a specific value. Pressing the ENTER Key will cause the DEFAULT value to be used. All default values are indicated on the screen at the time the question is asked.

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If you type W you will be asked which drive, what density to use and if you want any bad sectors reported to the printer. Before each track is formatted each readable sector on the track is read into a holding area. Unreadable sectors are reported and their holding area is zeroed. After all of the sectors for a track are stored, the track is reformatted and the data in the holding areas written to the appropriate sectors.

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Golf leagues often use handicaps to make weekly matches competitive. To be fair and effective, scores should be up-

dated and handicaps recalculated weekly. The considerable amount of record-keeping and calculation necessary to keep the handicaps current and accurate is usually dumped on the league secretary. I will describe a program that allows the golf league secretary to keep track of the scores of league members and easily update their handicaps.

## Handicap Calculation

The number of different ways to calculate handicaps is almost as great as the number of golfers. Some methods are very simple, while others would tax the ability of large business computers. The United States Golf Association (USGA) developed the standard method of computing handicaps. I used the method here in a modified form.

The basis of the USGA method is the golf course rating. This is a numerical rating of the course difficulty. For most cases, this number is very simi-

lar to the course par; in this program I used the course par for the rating.

Once you determine the course rating, you compute a number called a differential for the golfer's scores by subtracting the course rating from each raw score. The USGA method uses the golfer's 20 most recent scores.

Next add the 10 smallest differentials to produce a number that reflects the golfer's average score. Then compare this number to a table to determine the handicap. The look-up table includes factors such as the increased difficulty in lowering one's handicap as the handicap approaches 0.

## How to Use the Program

I wrote the program for a 16K Level II TRS-80. After loading the program, typing Run clears the screen and produces program information for the user. Pressing Enter produces the two necessary data entries. You must enter the par for the course here.

If the course is only nine holes, enter the same par for front and back nine. The program is set up for one golf course only. If you are using scores from more than one course, you must use the same par. After you enter the course par, enter the league name. The league name is a header for the handicap display, so no harm will come to the program if you do not give a name (hit Enter).

The rest of the program is menu driven (see Fig. 1). You select program options by entering the appropriate number. See Fig. 2 for examples of typical data entry procedures. All data entries are tested for errors. The menu options should provide the user with all needed manipulations.

When you run the program for the first time you will enter the names of all league golfers. Keep the length of each name to 12 characters or less. Once this is done, you can display or modify scores for each golfer.

Figure 2 also shows the format the program uses to display

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Figure 1



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an individual golfer's data. The program saves only 10 scores to minimize memory usage and

cassette storage. Each score is prefixed by F for a front nine score or B for a back nine score.

If 10 scores are on file and you enter a new score, the oldest score is bumped off the list and

lost. The program uses only the most recent scores. This system uses only nine-

### Program Listing

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10 *****
20 *** GOLF LEAGUE HANDICAP ***
30 *** BY MIKE AVERY ***
40 *** COPYRIGHT 1981 ***
50 *** PROGRAM LENGTH-5.9K ***
60 *****
70 PROGRAM USE INSTRUCTIONS
80 CLS:PRINT "GOLF LEAGUE HANDICAPER":PRINT
90 PRINT "THIS PROGRAM WILL ALLOW THE GOLF LEAGUE SECRETARY TO KE
EP
TRACK OF THE SCORES OF UP TO 40 LEAGUE MEMBERS. THE HANDICAPS
CAN BE CALCULATED FOR THE MEMBERS AT ANY TIME.";
100 PRINT:PRINT "DATA THAT MUST BE ENTERED IS THE PAR FOR THE FRO
NT AND
BACK NINE AND THE LEAGUE NAME. AFTER ENTRY OF THE
INFORMATION, ALL DATA MANIPULATION IS CONTROLLED USING A
PROGRAM 'MENU'"
110 PRINT:PRINT "FOR CASSETTE STORAGE, A C-20 TAPE WILL STORE 40
NAMES
A C-90 TAPE IS NEEDED TO STORE THE SCORES. IF THE LEAGUE HAS
MORE";
120 PRINT "THAN 40 PEOPLE, SPLIT THE DATA UP INTO GROUPS OF 40,
AND USE ONE SET OF CASSETTES FOR EACH GROUP."
130 PRINT:INPUT "HIT 'ENTER' TO CONTINUE";ANS
140 CLEAR 1000:DIM TM$(20),NAS(50),DI$(50,20)
150 IS="###":FI=1
160 CLS:PRINT$15,"";:INPUT "ENTER PAR FOR THE COURSE <FRONT,BACK
>";F9,B9
170 CLS:PRINT$15,"";:INPUT "ENTER LEAGUE NAME";LNS
180 ' MENU
190 CLS:PRINT "MENU FOR 'HANDICAP'"
200 PRINT "YOUR OPTIONS ARE:";PRINTSTR$(64,".")
210 PRINT "1--CASSETTE DATA INPUT"
220 PRINT "2--CASSETTE DATA OUTPUT"
230 PRINT "3--ADD NAMES"
240 PRINT "4--DELETE NAMES"
250 PRINT "5--DISPLAY ONE ENTRY"
260 PRINT "6--UPDATE ALL SCORES"
270 PRINT "7--CALCULATE AND DISPLAY HANDICAPS"
280 PRINT "8--CHANGE DATA FOR ONE GOLFER"
290 PRINTSTR$(64,".")
300 INPUT "ENTER THE NUMBER OF THE DESIRED FUNCTION";AN
310 IF AN<1 OR AN>8 THEN 190
320 PRINT "FUNCTION ";AN; " SELECTED, PRESS 'ENTER' TO START, 'N'
TO ABORT";
330 AN$=INKEY$:IF AN$="" THEN 330 ELSE IF AN$="N" THEN 190
340 IF AN=1 THEN FI=1 ELSE IF AN=2 THEN FI=2
350 ON ANGOSUB 390,390,840,1650,370,890,1010,650
360 GOTO 190
370 CLS:INPUT "ENTER GOLFER NUMBER";I$:IF I$>LNS THEN 370 ELSE
GOSUB 770:PRINT$960,"";:INPUT "HIT 'ENTER' TO CONTINUE";
ANS:RETURN
380 ' CASSETTE I/O
390 CLS:ONFI GOTO 400,530
400 PRINT "PLACE 'NAMES' TAPE IN RECORDER, REWIND AND HIT 'ENTER'
"
410 INPUTANS:CLS:PRINT "READING NAMES---PLEASE STAND BY":LNS=0
420 LNS=LNS+1
430 INPUT$-1,NAS(LNS):IF NAS(LNS)="" THEN 440 ELSE 420
440 LNS=LNS-1
450 CLS:PRINT "PLACE 'SCORES' TAPE IN RECORDER, REWIND AND HIT
'ENTER'"
460 INPUTANS:CLS:PRINT "READING SCORES---PLEASE STAND BY"
470 FORI=1TOLNS
480 FORJ=1TOL10
490 INPUT$-1,DI$(I,J)
500 NEXTJ
510 NEXTI:RETURN
520 '
530 CLS:PRINT "REWIND 'NAMES' TAPE, SET UP FOR 'RECORD' AND HIT
'ENTER'":INPUTANS
540 CLS:PRINT "RECORDING NAMES"
550 I=1
560 IF I>LNS THEN PRINT$-1,"END":GOTO 580
570 PRINT$-1,NAS(I):I=I+1:GOTO 560
580 CLS:PRINT "REWIND 'SCORES' TAPE, SET UP FOR 'RECORD' AND HIT
'ENTER'":INPUTANS:CLS:PRINT "PRINTING SCORES---PLEASE STAND BY"
590 FORI=1TOLNS
600 FORJ=1TOL10
610 PRINT$-1,DI$(I,J)
620 NEXTJ
630 NEXTI:RETURN
640 ' CHANGE DATA FOR ONE ENTRY
650 CLS:INPUT "ENTER GOLFER'S CODE NUMBER";J$
660 IF J$>LNS OR J$<1 THEN 650
670 CLS:I=J$:GOSUB 770:J=I$
680 PRINT$440,"";:INPUT "ENTER NUMBER<1-10> OF DATA TO CHANGE";L$
690 IF L$<1 OR L$>10 THEN 680
700 PRINT$576,"";:PRINT "ENTER DATA AS <F OR B, SCORE>
FOR EXAMPLE--F,49";:INPUTANS,SC$
710 IF SC$<25 OR SC$>150 THEN 700
720 IF LEFT$(ANS,1)="" THEN 740
730 IF LEFT$(ANS,1)="" THEN SC$=-1*SC$
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750 DI$(J,L$)=SC$:GOSUB 770:PRINT$960,"";:INPUT "HIT 'ENTER' TO C
ONTINUE";AS:RETURN
760 ' DISPLAY ONE ENTRY ON SCREEN
770 CLS:PRINT "DATA FOR ";NAS(I); " FOLLOWS:";
780 PRINT$128," 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
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830 ' ADD NAMES TO LIST
840 LNS=LNS+1
850 CLS:PRINT "ENTER NEW NAME, <LAST NAME.FIRST INITIAL>
FOR EXAMPLE 'JONES,J'";:PRINT:PRINT:INPUTNAS(LNS)
860 PRINT "YOU HAVE ENTERED THE NAME ";NAS(LNS); " IS IT RIGHT?
(Y/N)"
870 INPUTANS:IF LEFT$(ANS,1)="" THEN RETURN ELSE 850
880 ' UPDATE SCORES
890 CLS
900 FORI=1TOLNS
910 GOSUB 770
920 PRINT$960,"";:PRINT "ENTER DATA IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT: <LE
TTER: B--BACK NINE...
E--EXIT TO MENU...N--NEXT PLAYER...P--FRONT NINE...
TTER,SCORE>"
930 INPUTANS,SC$
940 IF LEFT$(ANS,1)="" THEN RETURN
950 IF LEFT$(ANS,1)="" THEN 990
960 IF LEFT$(ANS,1)="" THEN SC$=-1*SC$
970 FORK=1TOL10:DI$(I,K)=DI$(I,K)+NEXTK$
980 DI$(I,K)=SC$:GOTO 910
990 NEXTI:RETURN
1000 ' DISPLAY ROUTINE
1010 CLS
1020 PRINT$20,"HANDICAPS FOR ";LNS
1030 PRINT$65,"NAME
HANDICAP"
1040 PRINT$129,STR$(63,"-")
1050 LNS=LNS+1
1060 PRINT$(193+64*LNS),"";:PRINT USING "%
";NAS(I); "
";:GOSUB 1110:IF M$<2 THEN PRINT "LESS THAN 2 ROUNDS" ELSE PRINT HC
1070 LNS=LNS+1:I=I+1
1080 IF I>LNS THEN INPUT "HIT 'ENTER' WHEN DONE";ANS:RETURN
1090 IF LNS>10 THEN INPUT "HIT 'ENTER' FOR NEXT PAGE OF DATA";ANS
:LNS=LNS-1:FOR JK=193TOL1000:PRINT$JK," ";:NEXT JK
1100 GOTO 1060
1110 REM HANDICAP CALCULATION ROUTINE
1120 FOR L=1TOL10:TM$(L)=0:NEXT L: ' FILL TEMPORARY ARRAY
1130 FOR L=1TOL10
1140 GOSUB 1600: ' CHANGE RAW SCORE TO DIFFERENTIAL
1150 NEXT L
1160 REM
1170 M=0
1180 FOR L=1TOL10:IF TM$(L)>0 THEN M=M+1:'NONZERO ENTRIES CNT
1190 NEXT L
1200 REM
N=0: ' OF DIFFERENTIALS TO AVERAGE
1210 IF M<2 THEN 1280
1220 IF M=2 THEN N=1
1230 IF M=3 OR M=4 THEN N=2
1240 IF M=5 OR M=6 THEN N=3
1250 IF M=7 OR M=8 THEN N=4
1260 IF M=9 OR M=10 THEN N=5
1270 GOTO 1290
1280 HC=0:RETURN
1290 REM GO TO CALCULATION ROUTINE
1300 GOSUB 1360: ' SORT TM()
1310 SM=0
1320 FOR L=1TOLNS:SM=SM+TM$(L):NEXT L
1330 SM=(SM/N)*10
1340 GOTO 1500
1350 RETURN
1360 REM SORT ARRAY IN ASCENDING ORDER
1370 REM M=0: ' OF NON-ZERO ENTRIES
1380 REM SP=SWAP FLAG, 1 IF A SWAP WAS MADE
1390 SP=0
1400 FOR L=1TOLNS-1
1410 IF TM$(L)>TM$(L+1) THEN 1460
1420 NEXT L
1430 IF SP=1 THEN 1390
1440 RETURN
1450 REM
1460 SP=1
1470 TX=TM$(L):TY=TM$(L+1)
1480 TM$(L)=TY:TM$(L+1)=TX
1490 GOTO 1420
1500 REM HANDICAP LOOKUP ROUTINE
1510 REM HC=HANDICAP
1520 REM SM=SUM OF DIFFERENTIALS
1530 RESTORE:HC=0:IF SM>358.8 THEN HC=35:GOTO 1350
1540 READ DL
1550 IF SM<DL THEN 1350
1560 HC=HC+1:GOTO 1540
1570 DATA 5.8,17.6,29.4,41.1,52.9,64.7,76.4,88.2,99.9,111.7,123.
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1580 DATA 135.2,147.158.8,170.5,182.3,194.1,205.8,217.6,229.4,24
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1590 DATA 252.9,264.7,276.4,288.2,299.9,311.7,323.5,335.2,347.35
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1600 SC$=DI$(I,L)
1610 IF SC$>0 THEN RETURN
1620 IF SC$<0 THEN TM$(L)=ABS(DI$(I,L))-B9 ELSE TM$(L)=DI$(I,L)
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1630 RETURN
1640 ' DELETE NAMES
1650 CLS:INPUT "ENTER NAME TO DELETE";ANS:I=0
1660 I=I+1
1670 IF NAS(I)="" THEN 1690
1680 IF I>LNS THEN 1750 ELSE 1660
1690 FOR J=1TOLNS:NAS(J)=NAS(J)-1:NEXT J
1700 FOR J=1TOLNS
1710 FOR K=1TOL10
1720 DI$(J,K)=DI$(J,K)
1730 NEXT K
1740 NEXT J:LNS=LNS-1:RETURN
1750 INPUT "NAME NOT FOUND. DO YOU WANT TO TRY AGAIN? (Y/N)";ANS
1760 IF LEFT$(ANS,1)="" THEN 1650 ELSE RETURN

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**MULTI-DRIVE** - True multi-drive operation is possible. POSTMAN will search all drives for address files and connect them together into one large file for the duration of that session. Once POSTMAN has found the data files on the disks, the operator "sees" just ONE CONTIGUOUS sorted list of addresses. The operator does not need to tell POSTMAN when to "switch" drives or manually "swap" sections of the data file in and out of the computer's memory. This is the foremost among the list of features because of its relative uniqueness among mail list handlers written for the TRS-80.

**LARGE LIST SUPPORT** - The multi-drive operation allows the user to access data files on ALL configured drives CONCURRENTLY (at the SAME time) for truly large mailing lists. Files need not be sectioned into smaller "byte size" chunks to fit into memory.

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hole scores. Although the USGA system requires 18-hole scores, most small leagues play 9-hole matches; handicaps based on 9-hole scores are more useful. In addition, the USGA system does not calculate a handicap until a golfer turns in five or more scores. I have observed that many league members play very little golf, but would still

like to have a handicap. My program requires only two 9-hole scores to calculate a handicap. Although not as accurate as the USGA method, I think this is a fair compromise for small leagues. I will discuss methods of estimating handicaps using only one score later.

When you enter players' scores the required format is il-

lustrated in Fig. 2. For any of the entry options, a number is necessary after the comma even if it is meaningless (for example, Exit to menu).

In the usual operating mode the user will sequentially update all players' scores using the (N,x) option to step to the next set of data. You can correct mistakes in the data by selecting menu Option 8. In this mode, the data for one golfer (you must know the player's number) is displayed and you are prompted

for the number of the wrong data. You replace the incorrect data by using the data entry procedure described above.

Once you have updated the data for all golfers, menu Option 7 will display the golfer's name and handicap. This option displays 10 entries on the screen at one time. After the user records the data, pressing Enter will display the next 10 entries. If less than two scores are entered for a golfer, that message will appear in place of the

#### Option—3

ENTER NEW NAME, LAST NAME.FIRST INITIAL.  
FOR EXAMPLE 'JONES.J'

? AVERY.M\_

#### Options—5,6

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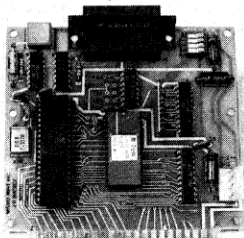
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Figure 2

ANS	Temporary answers to prompts
F9,B9	Par for front and back nine
LNS	League name
LN%	Number of golfers
NAS()	Names array
DI%()	Two-dimensional array of scores
SC%	Raw scores
IS	Format string for data display
HC	Calculated handicap
LC%	Line counter for data display
TM%()	Temporary array for storage and sorting
M%	Number of non-zero data entries in array
SM%	Sum of differentials
TX%,TY%	Temporary storage for swapping during sort

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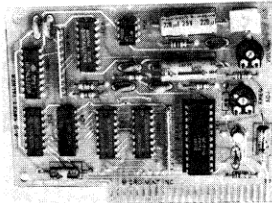


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handicap, and you will have to estimate the golfer's handicap. The golfer might estimate his score before the round, subtract par from the estimate and multiply the difference by .8. The result will be a handicap that he can use for that round. After the round, if the actual score was off from the estimate by more than two strokes, recalculate the handicap using the actual score.

When the user finishes with the program, he saves the data on cassettes using Option 1. A normal data cassette is sufficient for the names tape; a minimum of a C-90 is required for the scores. Although the computer memory limitations allow about 100 names and data, the cassette storage for this much data would be excessive. I felt that 40 golfers was a good compromise. If your league has more than 40 members, you can run the program twice.

#### Final Thoughts

When I designed the program,

I made several trade-offs to minimize memory and cassette usage. I used integer variables extensively for this reason. You cannot use different course scores as the data would be single precision in that case, and use more cassette storage.

With disk data storage, you can store scores from many courses. I use a 48K disk system for my own handicap calculations, and store differentials instead of raw scores. With a cassette-based system, however, these limits are necessary.

My experiences with league

handicaps led me to choose 10 scores for storage rather than 20 as is used in the USGA system. Many golfers in leagues would not have the necessary five scores under the USGA system until the season was half over. Using this modified program, only two scores are necessary to establish a handicap.

Table 1 lists the variables I used in the program. I set up the program in separate modules. Table 2 lists these modules. Most of the program is straightforward. Course data is stored as (plus/minus) raw score; a

minus score indicates a back nine entry. The scores data is stored in a two-dimensional array.

The handicap calculation routine first fills a temporary one-dimensional array with the non-zero entries of the golfer's data minus the course par. The array is then sorted with the smallest entry first. The average of the low half of the non-zero entries is found and multiplied by 10. This value is then compared to a standard list to determine the handicap.

This program will do a credible job for a small golf league. Unfortunately, the shortcomings of the cassette storage system become very visible if you use the program with a large league. In this case, a disk-based system is almost a necessity. ■

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190	Program menu
390	Cassette input/output
650	Correct data for one golfer
770	Display data for one golfer
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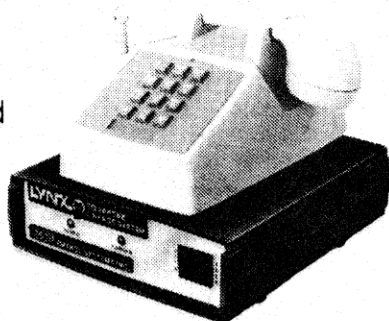


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## Cryptology in Tiny Pascal.

# Kryha Cipher Machine

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I use my TRS-80 for cryptological pursuits so I programmed an emulation of a mechanical cipher machine from the 1920s using tiny Pascal. I chose a device patented by a German engineer, Alexander von Kryha.

The cryptographic principle used by the Kryha machine is simple to employ on a computer.

Aside from a natural program structuring, I could use modular arithmetic and recursion (the ability of a function or subroutine to call itself) to exploit some of Pascal's features. The only minor problems were the lack of explicit character handling instructions and storage space.

### Cryptographic Principles

Cryptology is the science of secret writing. This includes devising methods of enciphering or encoding and deciphering or decoding messages (cryptography), and methods of cracking coded messages (crypt-

analysis). A fundamental form of cryptographic writing is simple or monoalphabetic substitution. Simple substitution is accomplished by replacing every letter of the message (called plaintext) by another letter to produce the coded message (called the ciphertext or cryptogram). For example, consider the plaintext message Attack At Dawn. To encipher this message we might set up two alphabets as shown in Table 1.

To produce the cryptogram, replace each letter of the message as it is found in the top alphabet by the letter below it in the bot-

tom alphabet (see Table 2).

The cryptogram is usually divided into five-letter groups to destroy the word divisions and thus make it harder for an unauthorized person to guess the text. In this case, we transmit the cryptogram ZGGZX PZGWZ DM.

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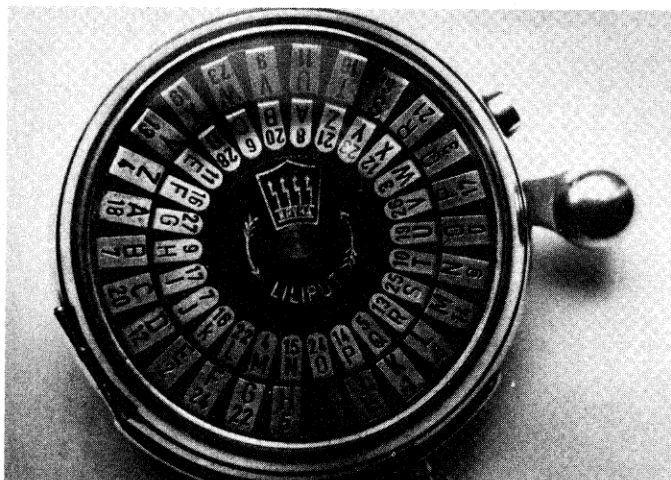


Photo 1. Kryha Mechanical Cipher Machine

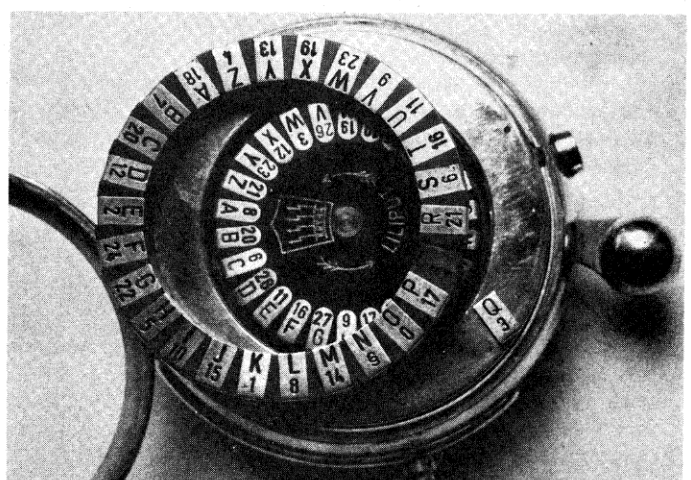


Photo 2. Outer alphabet ring detached. Note removable letter blank

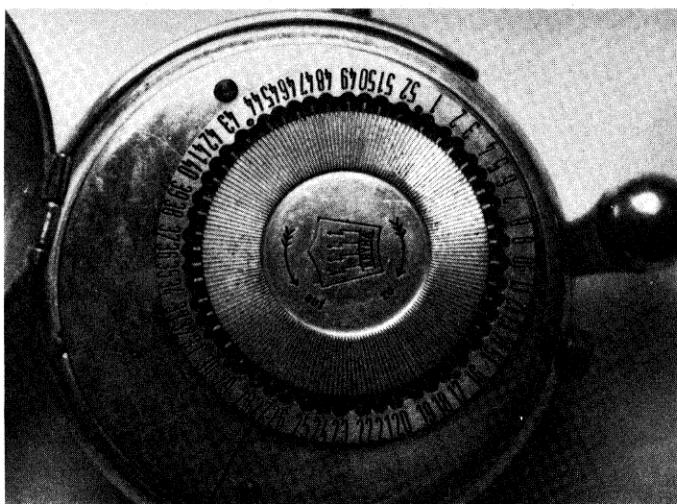


Photo 3. Drive wheel showing extended pins

The telegraph company will count each five letter group as one word if you send telegrams or mailgrams in cipher.

The message is harder to solve if the two alphabets are mixed instead of being in a standard forward or backward sequence. If the second alphabet is the same as the first one reversed the encipherment is reciprocal; you can encipher and decipher using either alphabet as the plain or cipher alphabet and find the corresponding letter in the other. For instance, F has U below it in our example but F in the second alphabet also has U above it. This principle holds even if the two alphabets have mixed letters, as long as the sequence runs in opposite directions.

As the accompanying photos show, Kryha's cipher machine held two alphabets on concentric disks. The letters of both alphabets could be removed and replaced in any mixed order desired. My program, for simplicity, assumes the outer alphabet to bear the normal A-Z sequence and the inner one to bear the reversed sequence Z-A.

If the two alphabets retain their positions relative to one another, a simple substitution is generated by replacing each plaintext letter of the message on one disk with the adjacent letter in the other disk ring. The Kryha machine achieves complexity by requiring the user to press the lever after each letter is enciphered. This action rotates

the inner ring a certain number of steps with respect to the outer one. For example, if the inner ring rotated three positions counterclockwise a new simple substitution is generated. The previous alignment, with Z below A would be changed to the alignment shown in Table 3.

At the new position the letter A becomes W in the ciphertext. By altering the relative position of the two alphabets with each letter enciphered one can generate up to 26 different simple substitutions (since there are 26 alignments of the two alphabets). The Kryha machine attempts to produce these substitutions in an irregular manner.

The movement of the rings is determined by a drive wheel divided into a number of sectors. Each sector possesses a variable number of teeth determined by extending or retracting pins in that sector (see photos). Each time the encipherer pushes the lever (normally, after each letter is enciphered) the drive wheel advances one sector. This in turn drives the inner ring as many places forward as there are teeth in that sector. Suppose a drive wheel has five sectors with teeth 1,3,2,1,0 respectively. Further let the first sector be the current one and the two alphabets fixed so that B lies below A on the alphabet rings. If we encipher the message AAAAAA AAAAAA, the corresponding cipher text generated is BYWVV URPOO NKIHH. How

Plaintext alphabet: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
Ciphertext alphabet: ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJHGFEDCBA

Table 1. Reciprocal Enciphering

Plaintext: ATTACK AT DAWN  
Cryptogram: ZGGZXP ZG WZDM

Table 2. Encrypted Message

Plaintext alphabet: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
Ciphertext alphabet: WVUTSRQPONMLKJHGFEDCBAZYX

Table 3. Altered Reciprocal Relationship

does this come about?

The first ciphertext letter (B) results since the two rings were initially set so that A had B under it. To encipher the next letter A, the drive wheel advances one sector. The next sector with three teeth rotates the inner ring three steps counterclockwise. Now the letter A on the outer ring has Y under it. The next sector has two teeth,

placing the letter W under A, and so on.

The stepping sequence 3,2,1,0,1,3,2,1,0,1,... keeps repeating, but the alphabetic alignments do not repeat as often. This is because the sum of the pins (1+3+2+1+0) equals 7. After one revolution of the drive wheel (five letters enciphered), the inner ring has



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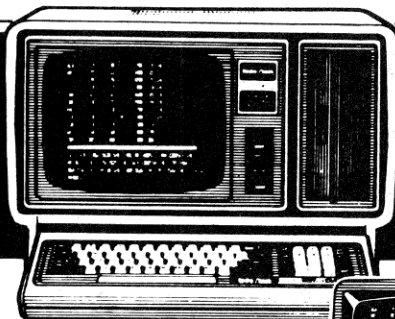
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(*****KRYHA CIPHER MACHINE EMULATION*****)
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CONST START=15488;C=26;
VAR CHAR, LAST, STOP, N, I, SUM, PERIOD, Z, POS, C1, C2, H, SAVE: INTEGER;
TEETH: ARRAY(21) OF INTEGER;
FUNC GCD(A, B);
BEGIN
  IF B=0 THEN GCD:=A ELSE GCD:=GCD(B, A MOD B);
END;
PROC LOOP (*DELAY LOOP*);
BEGIN
  REPEAT Z:=INKEY UNTIL Z='*';
END;
PROC CRYPT (*ENCIPHER/DECIPHER ROUTINE*);
BEGIN
  C1:=0;C2:=0;
  SAVE:=POS;POS:=POS-1;
  STOP:=START;I:=Z;
  REPEAT
    CHAR:=MEM(STOP);STOP:=STOP+1;
    IF (CHAR>64) AND (CHAR<91) THEN
      BEGIN
        POS:=POS+1;
        CHAR:=(CHAR-65+SUM) MOD C;CHAR:=25-CHAR+65;
        MEM(POS):=CHAR;C1:=(C1+1) MOD 5;
        IF C1=0 THEN
          BEGIN
            POS:=POS+1;C2:=(C2+1) MOD 10;IF C2=0 THEN POS:=POS+4
            END;
            I:=(I+1) MOD N;SUM:=(SUM+TEETH(I)) MOD C;
          END;
        UNTIL STOP=LAST;
      END;
  PROC KEY1 (*ENTER NUMBER OF SECTORS AND TEETH PER SECTOR, CALCULATE PERIOD*);
  BEGIN
    SUM:=0;WRITE(28,31,'
    WRITE('ENTER NUMBER OF SECTORS ( <22 ):');
    READ(N#);I:=0;
    REPEAT
      WRITE(13,'* TEETH IN SECTOR ',I#,' = ');READ(Z#);
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Program continues

turned only seven of its 26 steps. After two drive wheel revolutions, the inner wheel has advanced only 14 steps. In fact, since 26 and 7 have no common divisors, the alphabetic shift sequence does not repeat until 26 times 7, or 182 letters have been enciphered. The length at which the sequence repeats is called the period of the cipher. A longer period means the cryptogram will be more difficult to solve. If we call the first alphabet zero, the next one shifted three steps from it alphabet three, and so on, the entire 182 letter shift period is shown in the array of Fig. 1. Each row represents one revolution of the drive wheel.

If the drive wheel contains N sectors, the longest period which can be obtained is 26 times N letters. This period occurs when the greatest common divisor of the sum of the teeth and the number 26 is one. In general, the period is given by  $\text{Period} = (N * \text{Sum}) / \text{GCD}(26, N)$  where Sum is the total number of teeth in all sectors of the drive wheel and GCD is the greatest common



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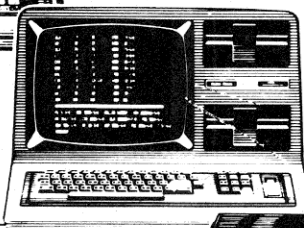
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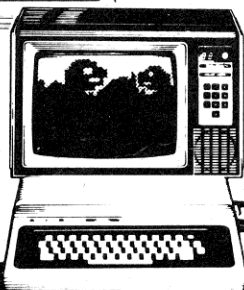
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    TEETH(I):=Z;SUM:=SUM+Z;I:=I+1;
  UNTIL I=N;
  WRITE(28,31,'NUMBER OF SECTORS= ',N#,13,'NUMBER OF TEETH = ',SUM#,13);
  Z:=GCD(SUM,26);WRITE('GCD= ',Z#,13);PERIOD:=(N*26) DIV Z;
  WRITE('PERIOD= ',PERIOD#,13,13,'PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE');READ(I#);
END;
PROC INPUT (*READ IN PLAIN/CIPHER DATA*);
BEGIN
  WRITE(28,31,'ENTER TEXT (LAST CHARACTER=#): ',13,13);
  REPEAT
    CHAR:=INKEY;
    IF (CHAR>64) AND (CHAR<91) THEN
      BEGIN
        MEM(LAST):=CHAR;LAST:=LAST+1;
      END;
    IF CHAR=32 THEN
      BEGIN
        MEM(LAST):=32;LAST:=LAST+1;
      END;
    IF CHAR='@' THEN
      BEGIN
        LAST:=LAST-1;MEM(LAST):=32;
      END;
    IF CHAR='$' THEN STOP:=1;
  UNTIL STOP=1;
  POS:=(LAST-START) DIV 64;POS:=15488+(POS+1)*64;
END;
PROC KEY2 (*ENTER STARTING DISK POSITION AND INITIAL SECTOR*);
BEGIN
  WRITE(28,31,'ENTER STARTING POSITION OF INNER DISK (A-Z): ');READ(Z);
  SUM:=25-Z+65;
  WRITE(13,'ENTER INITIAL SECTOR (1-',N#,')');READ(Z#);
  WRITE(13,'HARDCOPY OF DATA? (Y OR N): ');READ(H);
END;
PROC HARDCOPY (*PRINTER LISTING OF DATA*);
BEGIN
  STOP:=0;
  C1:=MEM(16414);C2:=MEM(16415);
  MEM(16414):=MEM(16422);MEM(16415):=MEM(16423);
  WRITE(13);
  REPEAT
    Z:=MEM(SAVE);WRITE(Z);SAVE:=SAVE+1;
    STOP:=(STOP+1) MOD 64;
    IF STOP=0 THEN WRITE(13);
  UNTIL SAVE=POS+1;
  WRITE(13);
  MEM(16414):=C1;MEM(16415):=C2;
END;

(*MAIN PROGRAM*)
BEGIN
  LAST:=15488;STOP:=0;
  KEY1;
  KEY2;
  INPUT;
  CRYPT;
  IF H='Y' THEN HARDCOPY;
  LOOP;
END.
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0	3	5	6	6
7	10	12	13	13
14	17	19	20	20
21	24	0	1	1
2	5	7	8	8
9	12	14	15	15
16	19	21	22	22
23	0	2	3	3
4	7	9	10	10
11	14	16	17	17
18	21	23	24	24
25	2	4	5	5
6	9	11	12	12
13	16	18	19	19
20	23	25	0	0
1	4	6	7	7
8	11	13	14	14
15	18	20	21	21
22	25	1	2	2
3	6	8	9	9
10	13	15	16	16
17	20	22	23	23
24	1	3	4	4
5	8	10	11	11
12	15	17	18	18
19	22	24	25	25

Fig. 1. 182 letter period

divisor. This formula assumes that the sector wheel itself is not periodic. With eight sectors and teeth settings 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4 we might as well use a four sector wheel with settings 1,2,3,4.

### Program Description

The program listing shows an emulation of the Kryha machine in Tiny Pascal. The main program calls six procedures:

- **Key1:** The user enters the number of sectors and teeth per sector. You can use up to 21 sectors, but this is easily changed by altering the dimension of the array Teeth. The program then calculates the period generated by these settings. The recursive

function GCD calculates the greatest common divisor of Sum and 26. If GCD equals one, the period is maximal.

- **Key2:** This procedure requires initialization data. These are a letter indicating the beginning placement of the two alphabets (D means begin with D on the inner ring opposite A on the outer, and so on) and a sector number indicating the current sector at startup. The user also indicates if he desires a printout of the ciphertext.

- **Input:** The message (plaintext or ciphertext) is entered here. All characters other than A-Z, @, and blank are ignored. The symbol @ is used for back-

space. Input must be terminated with a \$.

- **Crypt:** This is the encryption/decryption routine. Because of the reversed alphabetic setup, the same routine performs encryption and decryption.

- **Hardcopy:** Delivers copy of ciphertext to the printer by substituting the printer driver address for the video driver address.

- **Loop:** Retains the screen display at the finish of program until you press \$.

To use the program for communication both correspondents must know the key data used in Key1 and Key2. The same key data is entered in both

cases. Ciphertext is in traditional five letter groups. Starting with the same key settings, typing the ciphertext produces the original plaintext without original word divisions.

No storage space is required for the message: It is read directly off the screen. The ciphertext appears directly below it. This means messages are limited to about five lines (320 characters), adequate for short messages. The program occupies about 2500 bytes of source code. Characters are enciphered, deciphered and printed at approximately 59 per second.

How secure are the cryptograms produced? Well, while your friends probably cannot solve them, a knowledgeable cryptanalyst could do so with minimum difficulty. The cryptograms are more difficult if you use mixed alphabetic sequences, but statistical procedures give good results if three or more periods of ciphertext are intercepted. ■

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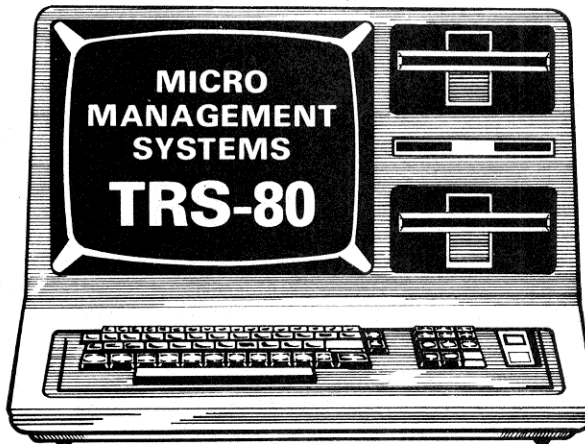
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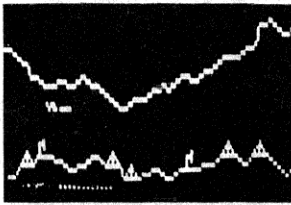
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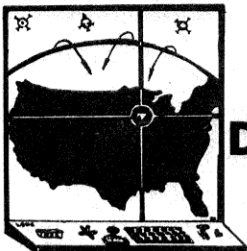
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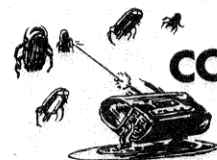
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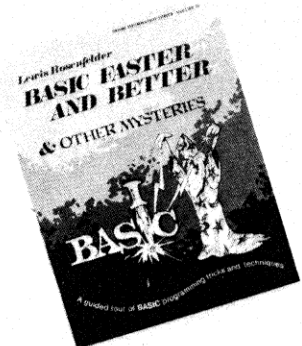
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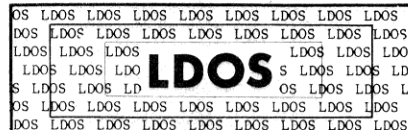


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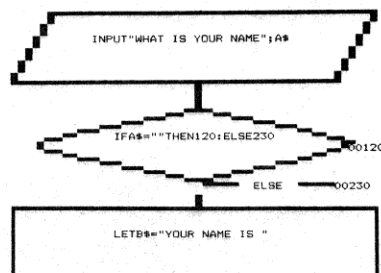
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# Model III Biorhythms

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I figured the DATM subroutine in the TRSDOS Manual would make a good biorhythm program. According to the theory of bio-

rythms, each person is influenced from the moment of birth by three rhythms: a 23-day physical rhythm, a 28-day emotional rhythm and a 33-day intellectual rhythm. Each cycle can be shown as a sine wave. The positive half of the wave denotes

days of greater efficiency and the negative half days of less efficiency. There are critical days—days when the wave crosses the axis. These are days of instability or vulnerability.

## Days Between Days

The program creates three sine waves on 23, 28, and 33 day cycles, with each beginning point determined by the number of days since birth. DATM computes the number of days between two dates. On entry, DATM expects:

B = 1 function switch—compute difference in dates  
HL points to string MM/DD/YYYY MM/DD/YYYY with the earlier date coming first  
DE points to a 5 byte output field JJJJJ

But when Basic calls a user's external subroutine, it passes its arguments as:

A = 3 denotes argument is a string  
DE points to string descriptor:  
(DE) = length of string  
(DE + 1, DE + 2) = address of string

To bridge the gap between Basic and DATM, I wrote a machine language relocatable subroutine BIOR/SUB (Program Listing 1). This routine expects the string from Basic to look as follows:

"MM/DD/YYYY MM/DD/YYYY JJJJJ"

The first 10 bytes contain the earlier date. The next 10 bytes contain a later date. The last five

bytes hold the number of days difference in string form.

BIOR/SUB checks for string length of 27; puts the string address in HL; computes DE = HL plus 22, the address of JJJJJ; and sets B equal to one (function switch for DATM). It then calls DATM64 (change this call to 06C60H for DATM32). DATM replaces JJJJJ of the input string with the number of days difference in the two dates in string form, accessed from Basic. On return from DATM, BIOR/SUB restores DE and returns to Basic.

The problem is getting BIOR/SUB on disk, to be accessed by my Basic program. Since I do not have an Assembler in TRSDOS, I used the Debug monitor:

```
>DEBUG ON      turns on Debug monitor
>DEBUG         transfers control to Debug
                monitor
?M A=8100      change memory at 8100H
(F1)           cursor to 8100H
Enter code as shown in BIOR/SUB assembly
for A=8100 - A=8118 (see Listing 1)
(F2)           effects changes
?S             return to system
>DUMP BIOR/SUB START=8100, END=
8120, RORT=R
```

I pulled the address of 8100H

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out of the air. If you have a 32K machine, lower the address and change the DATM address as earlier noted. Now we have a machine language subroutine BIOR/SUB, on disk to be read from Basic, to interface Basic to DATM.

### The Program

The program to compute biorhythms is really very simple. BIOR/PRG computes Biorhythms for a specified month and year, given the month, day and year of birth. In Program Listing 2 lines 40 and 50 read BIOR/SUB and DATM64 from disk and line 60 defines 8100H as the address of the user subroutine called in line 120. In line 130, XP,XE,XI are the increments in radians for each wave. The beginning arguments for each sine wave, BP, BE,BI, are computed in line 160. Line 200 begins a loop: For each day of the month, the sine for each rhythm is computed and displayed. An option lists the biorhythm as shown in Fig. 1. On the CRT, the waves go across the screen, while they go down the page on the List device.

Put all this together and find

```

BIORHYTHMS FOR LINDA
BORN: 07/07/1943
BEGINNING: 04/01/1981

-      :      +

I      :      E
I      :      E
I      :      E
I      :      PE
I      :      P E      5
I      :      P E
I      P      E:
PI      EI      :
P      EI      :      10
P      E      I      :
P      E      I
E      :      I
EP      :      I      15
E      P      :      I
E      P      :      I
E      :      P      I
E      :      P      I      20
E      :      P      I
E      :      E      PI
:      E      IP
:      E      IP
:      IE      P      25
:      I      EP
:      I      P      E
I      P      E
I      :      P      E
I      P      :      E      30
I      P      :      E

```

Fig. 1.

out when to schedule your racquetball match (on a physical high), when not to make an important decision (on an intellectual critical day), and when not to

ask for a raise (on an emotional low). If it all sounds like a lot of phooey, you can still have fun watching all the pretty sine waves go by. ■

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```

EC60 =          DATM64 EQU      0EC60H ;ADDRESS OF DATM SUBROUTINE
8100          ORG      8100H
8100 1A          LDAX   D          ;A=STRING LENGTH
8101 FELB       CPI      27        ;MUST BE =27
8103 C0          RNZ          ;RETURN IF NOT
8104 D5          PUSH   D          ;SAVE STRING DESCRIPTOR ADDRESS
8105 13          INX     D          ;POINT TO STRING ADDRESS
8106 1A          LDAX   D          ;LOWER BYTE OF ADDRESS
8107 6F          MOV    L,A        ;TO L REG
8108 13          INX     D
8109 1A          LDAX   D          ;UPPER BYTE OF ADDRESS
810A 67          MOV    H,A        ;TO H REG
810B E5          PUSH   H          ;SAVE STRING ADDRESS
810C 111600      LXI     D,22      ;COMPUTE ADDRESS OF "JJJJJ"
810F 19          DAD     D          ;(HL)=ADDRESS OF "JJJJJ"
8110 EB          XCHG          ;(DE)=ADDRESS OF "JJJJJ"
8111 E1          POP     H          ;(HL)=ADDRESS OF DATE STRING
8112 0601        MVI     B,1      ;DATM FUNCTION SWITCH
8114 CD60EC      CALL    DATM64
8117 D1          POP     D          ;RESTORE STRING DESCRIPTOR ADDRESS
8118 C9          RET              ;RETURN TO BASIC
8119          END

```

Program Listing 1. Subroutine BIOR/SUB

```

5 CLS
10 CLEAR 200,33000
20 DEFINT N,M,D,J,I,K
30 DEFDBL C,X,B
40 SYSTEM "BIOR/SUB"
50 SYSTEM "DATM64"
60 DEFUSR0=&H8100
65 CLS
70 PRINT@(10,30),"B I O R H Y T H M S"
80 PRINT@(15,30),"by Linda Anderson"
85 PRINT@(17,20),"":INPUT "WHAT IS YOUR NAME";NM$
90 PRINT@(19,20),"":INPUT "WHAT IS YOUR BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY)";B$
100 PRINT@(21,20),"":INPUT "MONTH/YEAR TO BEGIN BIORHYTHMS (MM/YYYY)";D$
105 PRINT@(23,20),"":INPUT "DO YOU WANT A LISTING (Y/N)";L$
110 D$=LEFT$(D$,3)+"01/"+RIGHT$(D$,4):S$=B$+" "+D$+" JJJJJ"
120 S$=USR0(S$)
130 CR=.0175*360:XP=CR/23:XE=CR/28:XI=CR/33
140 J$=RIGHT$(S$,5):IF J$="JJJJJ" THEN 300
150 ND=VAL(J$)
160 BP=(ND MOD 23)*XP:BE=(ND MOD 28)*XE:BI=(ND MOD 33)*XI
170 CLS:PRINT@(0,0),"BIORHYTHMS FOR ";NM$;": BORN: ";B$;": BEGINNING: ";D$
175 PRINT@(1,5),"":PRINT@(21,5),"-"
180 IF L$="Y" THEN GOSUB 450
185 M=VAL(LEFT$(D$,2))
190 IF M=2 THEN D=29 ELSE IF (M=4 OR M=6 OR M=9 OR M=11) THEN D=30 ELSE D=31
200 FOR K=1 TO D STEP 1
210 JP=11-INT(SIN(BP)*10):BP=BP+XP
220 JE=11-INT(SIN(BE)*10):BE=BE+XE
230 JI=11-INT(SIN(BI)*10):BI=BI+XI
240 KK=K*2+10
250 PRINT@(11,KK),"":PRINT@(JP,KK),"P":PRINT@(JE,KK),"E":PRINT@(JI,KK),"I"
260 IF K MOD 5 = 0 THEN PRINT@(22,KK),K
265 IF L$="Y" THEN GOSUB 400
270 NEXT K:PRINT@(23,0),"SHALL WE GO AGAIN (Y/N)? ";
275 IF L$="Y" THEN LPRINT CHR$(12)
280 LINE INPUT A$: IF A$="Y" THEN 65
290 END
300 PRINT "ERROR: ",S$
310 GOTO 280
400 PL$=SPACE$(25)
410 MID$(PL$,11,1)="-":MID$(PL$,22-JP,1)="P":MID$(PL$,22-JE,1)="E"
420 MID$(PL$,22-JI,1)="I":IF K MOD 5=0 THEN MID$(PL$,23,3)=STR$(K)
430 LPRINT PL$
440 RETURN
450 LPRINT "BIORHYTHMS FOR ";NM$:LPRINT "BORN: ";B$
455 LPRINT "BEGINNING: ";D$:LPRINT:LPRINT"-":
470 LPRINT:RETURN

```

Program Listing 2. BIOR/PRG



*Make 'em with a Centronics 737.*

# Super Banner

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I wrote a Basic banner generating program to break in my new Centronics 737 printer. The biggest problem with this program was coming up with good looking letters. Although I cannot draw free-hand, I was able to come up with an acceptable character set.

I wanted to input the data for

the letters as a series of numbers instead of strings of characters (because it is easier to type a few numbers than to type a string of 35 asterisks). I will explain the technique I used so you can customize the program. You may find this technique useful if you should have to randomly access a large group of Data statements in one of your programs.

## Trial and Error

How could I get to the set of

data I wanted? First, I Restored the data before each block letter printed and then read through the data until I came to the data for the letter I wanted to print. If I wanted to print the nth block letter, I read through all the data for n-1 letters before arriving at useful data.

Although this method worked, it was much too slow. I use a very large data base consisting of the capital and small letters, numerals and punctuation; to print a block letter located near

the end of the data required much useless reading. Because my printer is slow enough without adding processing delays, I had to find a faster way.

Next, I used an array for more speed. Arrays can be accessed directly at any point without reading from the beginning. I set up a huge data array to store all the numbers from the Data statements sequentially and another much smaller array to point to the start of each letter. For example, if I wanted to access the data for the fifth block letter, the fifth element of the small index array would tell me where to start reading the data array. I would then access the data array sequentially from that point to the end of the data for the fifth letter.

This method worked and there were absolutely no delays between printing block letters. There was only one slight problem: All the Data statements and the monstrous data array would not fit in memory at the same time. And I have 48K! What could I do? I did not want to cut down the number of banner-size characters I could print

## Program Listing 1. Super Banner

```

1 REM ***** SUPER - BANNER *****
2 REM BY RON BALEWSKI
10 CLEAR500:DEFINT A-Z:DIMMG$(10),SC$(10),PS(100,2):LS$="ABCDEFGHJKLMNPQRS
TUVWXYZ 1234567890abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz.,!%$&'()*:~=&+/?<>`"
12 NL=85
14 NF=1
15 CLS:PRINT"JUST A MINUTE, PLEASE.":PRINT:PRINT:FORK=1TONL:PS(K,1)=PEEK(16
639):PS(K,2)=PEEK(16640)
17 READLP:IFLP=1000THENNEXTKELSEGOTO17
19 FORK=1TO10:PRINT"INPUT MESSAGE ";K:INPUTMG$(K):IFMG$(K)<>"END"THENSEC$(K)
)=":INPUT"PRINT CHARACTER (ENTER FOR CORRESPONDING)":SC$(K):PRINT
21 IFMG$(K)="END"THENK=K-1:GOTO25
23 NEXTK
25 NM=K
27 FORKA=1TONM
28 CLS:PRINT"START MESSAGE";KA;"==> ";MG$(KA):PRINT
29 FORKB=1TOLEN(MG$(KA)):PRINTMID$(MG$(KA),KB,1);
31 LI$=MID$(MG$(KA),KB,1)
33 FORKT=1TOLEN(LI$):IFLI$=MID$(LI$,KT,1)THENGOTO35ELSENEXTKT:PRINT"ERROR I
N MESSAGE ";MG$(KA):STOP
35 POKEL6639,PS(KT,1):POKEL6640,PS(KT,2):READLP
37 IFLP=1000THENGOTO47
38 IFNF=1THENNF=0:IFLP<>2000THENLPRINT" ";ELSELREADLP
39 IFLP>0THENIFSC$(KA)="THENLPRINTSTRING$(LP,LI$):ELSELPRINTSTRING$(LP,SC
$(KA));
41 IFLP<0THENLPRINTSTRING$(ABS(LP)," ");
43 IFLP=0THENLPRINT" ":NF=1
45 READLP:GOTO37
47 LPRINT" ":LPRINT" ":LPRINT" ":LPRINT" ":NF=1:NEXTKB:FORK=1TO20:LPRINT
":NEXTK
49 NEXTKA
51 CLS:PRINT"END OF PRINT.":PRINT:PRINT:GOTO19
99 REM CAP A
100 DATA3,0,3,0,3,0,3,0,7,0,12,0,3,-5,9,0,3,-9,9,0,3,-14,9,0,3,-16,12,0,-19
,3,-3,9,0,-19,3,-9,9,0,-19,3,-13,9,0,-19,3,-18,9,0,-19,3,-22,9,0,-19,3,-27
,9,0,-19,3,-30,10,0,-19,3,-27,17,0,-19,3,-22,26,0,-19,3,-18,25,0,-19,3,-14,2
5,0,-19,3,-10,25,0,-19,3,-6,25,0
110 DATA-19,3,-2,25,0,-19,26,0,-16,25,0,3,-9,25,0,3,-4,25,0,28,0,24,0,19,0,
15,0,11,0,6,0,3,0,1000
200 REM CAP B
210 DATA3,-64,3,0,70,0,70,0,70,0,70,0,70,0,3,-31,3,-30,3,0,3,-31,3,-30

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Program continues

## The Key Box

Basic Level II  
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Program continued

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I dimensioned PS(100,2) as the index table. The dimension 100 gives me room to store up to 100 entry points. The second dimension of 2 is there because the data pointer takes up two bytes (16639 and 16640) and this was the easiest way of storing them. To fill the PS index table, I PEEK at the two data pointers and store them in the next available locations of the index array. After that, I read data until I find a number 1000, indicating the end of a letter. I then go back to the point where I store the data pointers. I continue searching for endpoints and storing the data pointer until the entire data set is indexed. Lines 15 and 17 of Program Listing 1 do this.

To print the banner letter by letter, the program peels off the next letter from the input message and matches it with a letter in the string LS\$. The letters in LS\$ and the Data statements are in the same order. Therefore, if a letter matches the nth letter in LS\$, the program must read the nth set of data. Lines 27-35

*Program continues*



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Program continues

After that, the program reads the data and uses it to control printing until it reaches a 1000 (end of letter indicator). Then it cycles back and repeats the entire process with the next letter.

After you load and run the program, it will pause for several minutes while the computer reads through the data and sets up its index table. Eventually the computer will ask you to input a message. Remember to shift for *small* letters. A cent sign is available by typing a shift @. After you enter the message, the computer will ask you for a print character. The computer will print the entire banner using this character unless you specify Corresponding (by pressing Enter). Corresponding means that each character in that banner will be made up of its corresponding printed character. For example, the A will be made up of As, the 4 printed in 4s, and so on. The computer will then ask you for the next message. If you want no more banners, type END as the next message.

After you input all the messages, the computer will print the banners. It also constantly displays exactly what it is doing on the video screen so you can keep track of how much remains to be printed without digging through the printout.

This version of the Super Banner program will run on any ten characters-per-inch, six lines-per-inch printer because I am not using any of the fancy control features in my 737. The program is designed for 9 1/2 inch printers and will not center banners on a tractor printer with which you use 14 7/8 inch paper.

Program Listing 2 shows an alternative version of this program, Super Banner II. Only the program listing is shown because the data it uses (and its principle of operation) are identical to the Super Banner program's. This program uses some of the Centronics 737's special functions to produce smaller denser block letters about half

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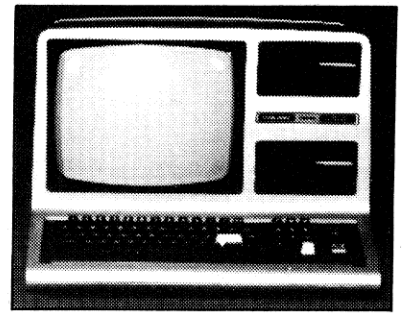
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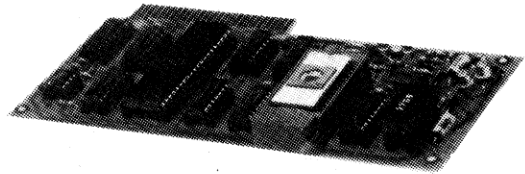
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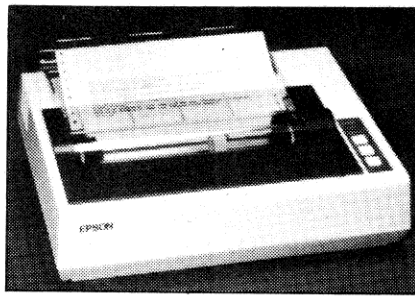
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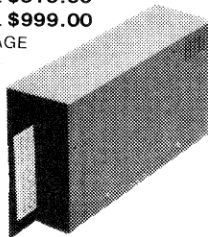
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,-7,10,0
3420 DATA-48,6,-6,10,0,-50,6,-4,10,0,-52,5,-3,10,0,-54,4,-2,10,0,-56,14,0,-
58,12,0,-60,10,0,-62,8,0,-64,6,0,-67,3,0,-68,2,0,1000
3500 REM 8
3510 DATA-11,9,-30,7,0,-8,15,-23,13,0,-6,19,-18,19,0,-5,8,-5,9,-13,23,0,-4,
6,-11,7,-10,13,-6,7,0,-3,5,-15,6,-8,10,-14,4,0,-2,5,-18,5,-6,10,-16,4,0,-2,
4,-21,4,-4,9,-19,4,0,-1,4,-23,4,-2,9,-21,4,0,-1,4,-24,14,-22,4,0
3520 DATA-1,3,-26,12,-24,4,0,-26,12,-24,4,0,-28,10,-25,4,0,-27,11,-25
4,0,-27,10,-26,4,0,-26,11,-27,3,0,-25,10,-28,3,0,-24,11,-28,3,0,-1
4,-23,11,-28,3,0,-1,4,-22,13,-26,4,0,-2,4,-21,13,-26,3,0,-2,5,-19,10,-1,4,
-25,3,0
3530 DATA-3,5,-17,10,-3,3,-25,3,0,-3,6,-15,10,-5,3,-23,3,0,-4,7,-11,11,-7,4
,-20,4,0,-6,8,-5,12,-18,6,-15,5,0,-8,22,-12,9,-7,7,0,-10,18,-16,19,0,-12,13
,-21,14,0,-16,7,-26,7,0,1000
3600 REM 9
3610 DATA-43,13,0,-37,22,0,-34,27,0,-10,7,-15,31,0,-8,11,-12,34,0,-6,14,-10
,36,0,-5,4,-1,10,-9,17,-8,13,0,-4,4,-3,8,-10,10,-19,10,0,-3,4,-6,4,-11,8,-2
,5,8,0,-2,4,-22,6,-29,6,0,-1,4,-22,5,-32,6,0,-1,4,-22,4,-34,5,0,4,-22,4,-36,
4,0
3620 DATA4,-22,4,-36,4,0,-22,4,-37,3,0,-21,4,-37,3,0,-1,4,-22,4,-35,4,0
,-1,5,-21,4,-34,5,0,-2,5,-21,4,-31,7,0,-2,6,-20,4,-29,8,0,-3,6,-20,4,-26,10
,0,-4,7,-19,4,-22,13,0,-6,9,-16,4,-17,16,0,-7,17,-8,5,-9,21,0,-9,57,0,-11,5
3,0,-13,4,0
3630 DATA-16,4,0,0,-20,29,0,-26,16,0,1000
3700 REM 0
3710 DATA-31,8,0,-24,22,0,-19,32,0,-16,38,0,-13,44,0,-11,48,0,-9,21,-10,21,
0,-7,18,-20,18,0,-6,15,-28,15,0,-5,13,-34,13,0,-4,11,-40,11,0,-3,10,-44,10,
0,-3,8,-48,8,0,-2,7,-52,7,0,-2,5,-56,5,0,-1,4,-60,4,0,-1,3,-62,3,0,-3,-64,3,
0,3,-64,3,0
3720 DATA-1,3,-62,3,0,-1,4,-60,4,0,-2,5,-56,5,0,-2,7,-52,7,0,-3,8,-48,8,0,-
3,10,-44,10,0,-4,11,-40,11,0,-5,13,-34,13,0,-6,15,-28,15,0,-7,18,-20,18,0,-
9,21,-10,21,0,-11,48,0,-13,44,0,-16,38,0,-19,32,0,-24,22,0,-31,8,0,1000
3800 REM SM A
3810 DATA-5,6,0,-2,10,0,-1,12,0,-1,13,-12,5,0,15,-9,10,0,16,-7,12,0,6,-4,7,
-6,14,0,-4,-7,7,-6,8,-3,3,0,-9,7,-7,4,-5,3,0,3,-11,6,-16,3,0,-1,3,-11,5,-1
6,3,0,-1,3,-12,5,-16,3,0,-1,3,-13,5,-14,4,0,-2,3,-13,4,0,-1,3,-13,5,0
3820 DATA-2,3,-14,4,-10,6,0,-3,3,-14,4,-6,9,0,38,0,37,0,36,0,35,0,33,0,30,0
,1000
3900 REM SM B
3910 DATA-67,3,0,-67,3,0,70,0,-1,69,0,-1,69,0,-2,68,0,-2,68,0,-3,67,0,-4,3,
-25,3,0,-3,3,-27,3,0,-2,3,-29,3,0,-1,3,-31,3,0,-3,33,3,0,-3,34,3,0
3920 DATA3,-34,3,0,-4,-32,4,0,-1,4,-30,4,0,-1,6,-26,6,0,-1,8,-22,8,0,-2,12,-
12,12,0,-3,34,0,-4,32,0,-6,28,0,-8,24,0,-11,18,0,-15,10,0,1000
4000 REM SM C
4010 DATA-15,10,0,-11,18,0,-8,24,0,-6,28,0,-4,32,0,-3,34,0,-2,12,-12,12,0,-
1,8,-22,8,0,-1,6,-26,6,0,-1,4,-30,4,0,-4,32,4,0,-3,34,3,0
4020 DATA3,-34,3,0,-3,34,0,-4,-32,3,0,-4,-32,3,0,-1,3,-32,3,0,-1,4,-30,4,0,
-1,4,-18,4,-7,4,0,-2,4,-15,8,-4,4,0,-2,5,-13,10,-1,5,0,-3,5,-12,14,0,-4,5,-
12,11,0,-5,6,-12,6,0,1000
4100 REM SM D
4110 DATA-15,10,0,-11,18,0,-8,24,0,-6,28,0,-4,32,0,-3,34,0,-2,12,-12,12,0,-
1,8,-22,8,0,-1,6,-26,6,0,-1,4,-30,4,0,-4,32,4,0,-3,34,3,0
4120 DATA3,-34,3,0,-3,34,0,-4,-32,3,0,-2,3,-30,3,0,-3,3,-28,3,0,-3,67,0,-2,68,0,-
2,68,0,-1,69,0,-1,69,0,70,0,-67,3,0,-67,3,0,1000
4200 REM SM E
4210 DATA-15,10,0,-11,18,0,-8,24,0,-6,28,0,-4,32,0,-3,34,0,-2,12,-3,3,-6,12
,0,-1,8,-8,3,-11,8,0,-1,6,-10,3,-13,6,0,-1,4,-12,3,-15,4,0,-4,-13,3,-16,4,0,
3,-14,3,-17,3,0
4220 DATA3,-14,3,-17,3,0,3,-14,3,-16,4,0,3,-14,3,-15,4,0,3,-14,3,-13,6,0,-1
3,-13,3,-11,8,0,-1,3,-13,3,-7,11,0,-1,3,-13,20,0,-2,3,-12,19,0,-2,4,-11,17
,0,-3,4,-10,15,0,-4,4,-9,12,0,-5,4,-8,9,0,1000
4300 REM SM F
4310 DATA-38,4,0,-38,4,0,-38,4,0,3,-35,4,0,3,-35,4,0,52,0,59,0,63,0,65,0,67
,0,68,0,3,-35,4,0,-20,7,0,3,-35,4,-22,5,0,-38,4,-24,4,0,-38,4,-25,3,0,-38,4,-
11,4,-10,3,0,-51,8,-7,3,0,-50,10,-4,4,0,-50,17,0,-51,14,0,-53,9,0,1000
4400 REM SM G
4410 DATA2000,-3,2,-5,4,-13,6,0,2000,-1,6,-2,7,-7,14,0,2000,4,-1,14,-2,18,0
,2000,3,-3,35,0,2000,3,-3,7,-1,28,0,2000,3,-3,6,-5,26,0,2000,3,-3,6,-5,9,-7
,10,0,2000,3,-3,6,-4,6,-14,8,0,2000,3,-3,6,-4,4,-18,6,0,2000,3,-3,6,-3,4,-2
1,4,0
4420 DATA2000,3,-3,6,-3,4,-22,4,0,2000,3,-3,6,-3,3,-24,3,0,2000,3,-3,6,-3,3
,-20,2,-2,3,0,2000,3,-3,6,-3,4,-19,7,0,2000,3,-3,6,-3,4,-20,7,0,2000,3,-3,6
,-4,4,-20,8,0,2000,3,-3,6,-4,6,-15,7,-1,5,0,2000,3,-3,6,-5,9,-7,10,-4,5,0
4430 DATA2000,4,-1,7,-6,25,-4,5,0,2000,12,-7,23,-4,8,0,2000,11,-9,21,-4,10,
0,2000,-1,9,-11,19,-5,10,0,2000,-2,7,-14,15,-8,8,0,2000,-4,3,-20,6,-15,4,0,
1000
4500 REM SM H
4510 DATA3,-64,3,0,3,-64,3,0,70,0,70,0,70,0,70,0,70,0,3,-27,5,0,3,-29,
4,0,-33,4,0,-34,4,0,-35,4,0,-36,3,0,-37,3,0,-36,4,0,-35,5,0,-33,6,0
,-27,12,0,38,0,37,0,35,0,33,0,30,0,26,0,3,0,3,0,1000
4600 REM SM I
4610 DATA-37,3,0,3,-33,4,0,3,-31,6,0,40,-13,4,0,40,-11,8,0,40,-10,10,0,40,-
10,10,40,-11,8,0,40,-13,4,0,3,0,3,0,1000
4700 REM SM J
4710 DATA-4,8,0,-1,13,0,2000,-4,16,0,2000,-3,5,-2,10,0,2000,-2,4,-5,8,0,200
0,-1,4,-8,4,0,2000,4,0,2000,3,0,2000,3,0,2000,-1,4,-37,3,0,2000,-1
,7,-34,3,0,2000,-2,43,-13,4,0,2000,-2,43,-11,8,0,2000,-3,42,-10,10,0,40,-10
,10,0,-2,38,-11,8,0
4720 DATA-8,32,-13,4,0,1000
4800 REM SM K
4810 DATA3,-64,3,0,3,-64,3,0,70,0,70,0,70,0,70,0,70,0,3,-12,4,0,3,-14,
4,0,-19,4,0,-19,6,0,-17,9,0,-15,13,0,-13,12,-1,4,0,-11,13,-3,4,0,-9,13,-7,4
,0,-7,13,-11,4,-2,3,0,3,-2,13,-14,4,-1,3,0,3,-1,12,-18,6,0,14,-22,4,0,12,-2
5,3,0,10,-27,3,0
4820 DATA8,-29,3,0,6,-31,3,0,4,0,3,0,3,0,1000
4900 REM SM L
4910 DATA-67,3,0,3,-63,4,0,3,-62,5,0,70,0,70,0,70,0,70,0,70,0,3,0,3,0,
1000
5000 REM SM M
5010 DATA3,-34,3,0,-34,3,0,40,0,40,0,40,0,40,0,40,0,3,-30,4,0,3,-31,
4,0,-35,3,0,-36,3,0,-37,3,0,-36,4,0,3,-36,4,0,-32,5,0,-32,8,0,40,0,39,0,3
9,0,39,0,38,0,36,0
5020 DATA3,-30,4,0,3,-32,3,0,-36,3,0,-36,3,0,-37,3,0,-37,3,0,-36,4,0,-35,5,
0,-32,8,0,40,0,40,0,39,0,39,0,38,0,36,0,3,0,3,0,1000
5100 REM SM N
5110 DATA3,-34,3,0,3,-34,3,0,40,0,40,0,40,0,40,0,40,0,3,-30,4,0,3,-31,
4,0,-35,3,0,-36,3,0,-37,3,0,-36,4,0,-35,5,0,-32,8,0,40,0,39,0,39,0,
39,0,38,0,36,0,3,0,3,0,1000
5200 REM SM O
5210 DATA-15,10,0,-11,18,0,-8,24,0,-6,28,0,-4,32,0,-3,34,0,-2,12,-12,12,0,-
1,8,-22,8,0,-1,6,-26,6,0,-1,4,-30,4,0,-4,32,4,0,-3,34,3,0
5220 DATA3,-34,3,0,4,-32,4,0,-1,4,-30,4,0,-1,6,-26,6,0,-1,8,-22,8,0,-2,12,-
12,12,0,-3,34,0,-4,32,0,-6,28,0,-8,24,0,-11,18,0,-15,10,0,1000
5300 REM SM P

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the size of those produced by the standard version. In line 19, I change to the 132-character-per-line mode. In line 43, I simulate printing at 12 lines per inch by printing a carriage return and line feed and then a half line feed reverse. If you have a 12 lines-per-inch mode or a method of doing half line feeds on your printer you should be able to run this version.

## Customizing the Character Set

You can easily change letters or even replace a few characters with pictures just by changing or replacing the Data statements for that character. The number system I use works as follows: *positive numbers* print that many characters, and *negative numbers* print the absolute value number of spaces. For example, -10 prints ten spaces. Zero is the end of line indicator. It prints a carriage return and line feed. 2000 indicates a start at the left margin instead of indenting five spaces. Unless preceded by a 2000, all lines have five blank spaces in front of them. The 2000 code provides descenders on letters such as p and g. 1000 is the end of letter data indicator. The program will begin the next letter of the input string when it reaches a 1000.

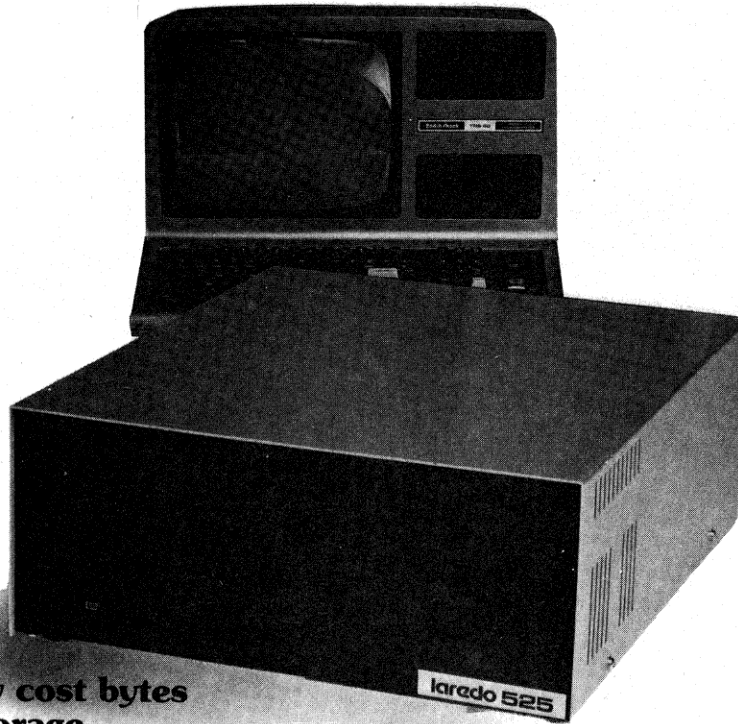
For example, the string 10, -10,5,0,1000 prints ten characters, ten spaces, and five more characters all on the same line. The 1000 indicates the end of the data.

If you decide to type in the program listing, be sure the Data statements are exact, or you may end up with some rather odd-looking letters. Type in the Remark statements between letters as you go just in case you make a mistake or want to change something. The time you may save is well worth the time spent in typing them. Also, the very last letter before the double quote in line 10 is supposed to be a shift @, but it appears as a grave accent. ■

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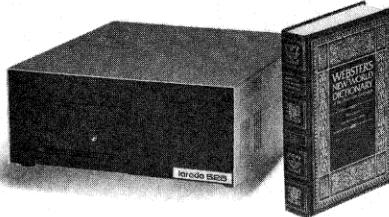
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0,-5,15,-30,15,0,-3,10,-44,10,0,-2,7,-52,7,0,-1,5,-50,5,0,3,-64,3,0,1000
7300 REM
7310 DATA3,-64,3,0,-1,5,-50,5,0,-2,7,-52,7,0,-3,10,-44,10,0,-5,15,-30,15,0,
-7,21,-14,21,0,-9,52,0,-12,46,0,-15,40,0,-18,34,0,-22,26,0,-26,10,0,1000
7400 REM
7410 DATA-3,4,-26,4,0,-1,0,-22,8,0,10,-20,10,0,10,-20,10,0,-1,0,-22,8,0,-3,
4,-26,4,0,1000
7500 REM
7510 DATA-26,4,-10,3,0,-24,7,-7,7,0,-23,9,-5,9,0,-23,9,-5,10,0,-24,9,-3,10,
0,-26,7,-3,9,0,-27,6,-2,7,0,-29,5,-1,6,0,-18,4,-8,4,-1,4,-9,4,0,-16,11,-5,2,
-1,2,-6,11,0,-15,40,0,-15,40,0,-16,11,-5,2,-1,2,-6,11,0,-18,4,-8,4,-1,4,-9,
4,0,-28,6,-1,6,0
7520 DATA-26,7,-3,7,0,-25,8,-3,9,0,-23,10,-3,10,0,-22,10,-5,10,0,-22,10,-5,
9,0,-23,8,-7,7,0,-26,4,-10,3,0,1000
7600 REM
7610 DATA-25,10,0,-25,10,0,-25,10,0,-25,10,0,-25,10,0,-25,10,0,-25,10,0,-25,
10,0,-25,10,0,-25,10,0,-25,10,0,-25,10,0,-25,10,0,-25,10,0,-25,10,0,-25,10,
0,-25,10,0,-25,10,0,1000
7700 REM
7710 DATA-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,
10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,
0,-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-
10,10,0
7720 DATA-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,-20,10,-10,10,0,1000
7800 REM
7810 DATA-24,21,0,-18,32,0,-14,12,-18,10,0,-11,9,-29,7,0,-9,6,-37,6,0,-7,5,
-43,5,0,-5,4,-18,15,-15,5,0,-3,4,-14,27,-11,5,0,-2,4,-12,33,-10,5,0,-1,4,-1,
2,36,-10,4,0,-1,3,-12,38,-10,4,0,3,-12,40,-10,4,0,3,-12,13,-15,12,-11,3,0
7820 DATA3,-12,8,-26,6,-12,3,0,3,-12,5,-30,5,-12,3,0,3,-13,3,-32,4,-12,3,0,
-1,3,-12,3,-32,3,-13,3,0,-1,3,-14,3,-28,3,-14,3,0,-2,3,-7,43,-11,3,0,3,3,-
5,44,-10,3,0,-4,3,-3,45,-9,4,0,-5,3,-2,45,-8,4,0,-6,1,-2,46,-7,4,0,-9,46,-5,
5,0
7830 DATA-10,4,-44,5,0,-11,3,-41,6,0,-12,5,-33,9,0,-14,10,-15,16,0,-17,32,0,
-22,17,0,1000
7900 REM
7910 DATA2000,1,-12,4,-16,4,0,2000,-1,1,-9,8,-12,8,0,2000,-1,2,-7,10,-10,10,
0,2000,-2,4,-4,10,-10,10,0,2000,-4,15,-12,8,0,-1,13,-14,4,0,-4,8,0,1000
8000 REM
8010 DATA-30,10,0,-30,10,0,-30,10,0,-30,10,0,-30,10,0,-30,10,0,-30,10,0,-30,10,
0,-30,10,0,-15,40,0,-15,40,0,-15,40,0,-15,40,0,-15,40,0,-15,40,0,-30,10,
0,-30,10,0,-30,10,0,-30,10,0,-30,10,0,-30,10,0,-30,10,0,-30,10,0,-30,10,0,
1000
8100 REM
8110 DATA3,0,6,0,-3,6,0,-6,6,0,-9,6,0,-12,6,0,-15,6,0,-18,6,0,-21,6,0,-24,6,
0,-27,6,0,-30,6,0,-33,6,0,-36,6,0,-39,6,0,-42,6,0,-45,6,0,-48,6,0,-51,6,0,
-54,6,0,-57,6,0,-60,6,0,-63,6,0,-66,4,0,-69,1,0,1000
8200 REM
8210 DATA-53,8,0,-51,12,0,-50,10,-1,3,0,-50,10,-2,3,0,-51,8,-4,3,0,-53,4,-7,
3,0,-3,4,-58,3,0,-1,8,-57,3,0,-10,17,-28,5,0,10,-23,21,6,0,-1,8,-23,
14,-16,7,0,-3,4,-29,15,-9,9,0,-39,29,0,-41,26,0,-43,23,0,-45,19,0,-47,15,0,
-50,8,0,1000
8300 REM
8310 DATA-15,4,-32,4,0,-16,4,-30,4,0,-17,4,-28,4,0,-18,4,-26,4,0,-18,5,-24,
5,0,-19,4,-24,4,0,-20,4,-22,4,0,-21,4,-20,4,0,-22,4,-18,4,0,-23,4,-16,4,0,-
23,4,-16,4,0,-24,4,-14,4,0,-25,4,-12,4,0,-26,4,-10,4,0,-27,4,-8,4,0,-27,5,-
6,5,0,-28,4,-6,4,0
8320 DATA-29,4,-4,4,0,-30,4,-2,4,0,-31,8,0,-31,8,0,-32,6,0,-33,4,0,-34,2,0,
1000
8400 REM
8410 DATA-34,2,0,-33,4,0,-32,6,0,-31,8,0,-31,8,0,-30,4,-2,4,0,-29,4,-4,4,0,
-28,4,-6,4,0,-27,5,-6,5,0,-27,4,-8,4,0,-26,4,-10,4,0,-25,4,-12,4,0,-24,4,-1,
4,4,0,-23,4,-16,4,0,-23,4,-16,4,0,-22,4,-18,4,0,-21,4,-20,4,0,-20,4,-22,4,0,
-19,4,-24,4,0
8420 DATA-18,5,-24,5,0,-18,4,-26,4,0,-17,4,-28,4,0,-16,4,-30,4,0,-15,4,-32,
4,0,1000
8500 REM CENT SIGN BY SHIFT
8510 DATA-25,20,0,-20,30,0,-16,30,0,-13,44,0,-11,48,0,-9,52,0,-7,22,-12,22,
0,-6,16,-26,16,0,-5,13,-34,13,0,-4,11,-40,11,0,-3,9,-46,9,0,-2,8,-50,8,0,-1,
7,-54,7,0,-1,5,-58,5,0,5,-60,5,0,5,-60,5,0,4,-62,4,0,2000,-1,78,0
8520 DATA2000,-1,78,0,2000,-1,78,0,2000,-1,78,0,4,-62,4,0,4,-62,4,0,-1,4,-6,
0,4,0,-1,4,-60,4,0,-1,5,-58,5,0,-2,5,-56,5,0,-2,5,-56,5,0,-3,5,-54,5,0,-4,6,
0,-50,6,0,-6,5,-48,5,0,-7,6,-44,6,0,-9,6,-40,6,0,-11,6,-36,6,0,-13,7,-30,13,
0,-15,5,-30,13,0,1000

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1 REM ***** SUPER - BANNER I *****
2 REM BY RON BALEWSKI
10 CLEAR500:DEFINT A-Z:DIMMG$(10),SC$(10),PS(100,2):LS$="ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQRS
TUVWXYZ 1234567890abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz.,!&%'":*=-@/+?<>
12 NL=85
14 NF=1
15 CLS:PRINT"JUST A MINUTE, PLEASE.":PRINT:PRINT:FOR K=1TONL:PS(K,1)=PEEK(16
639):PS(K,2)=PEEK(16640)
17 READLP:IFLP=1000THENNEXTKELSEGOTO17
19 LPRI NCHR$(27):CHR$(20):FOR K=1TO10:PRINT"INPUT MESSAGE ";K:INPUTMG$(K):
IFMG$(K)<>"END"THENSCK(K)="":INPUT"PRINT CHARACTER (ENTER FOR CORRESPONDING
)":SC$(K):PRINT
21 IFMG$(K)="END"THENK=K-1:GOTO25
23 NEXTK
25 NN=K
27 FORK=1TONM
28 CLS:PRINT"START MESSAGE";KA;" ==> ";MG$(KA):PRINT
29 FORKB=1TOLEN(MG$(KA)):PRINTMID$(MG$(KA),KB,1);
31 LI$=MID$(MG$(KA),KB,1)
33 FORKT=1TOLEN(LI$):IFLI$=MID$(LI$,KT,1)THENGOTO35ELSENEXTKT:PRINT"ERROR I
N MESSAGE ";MG$(KA):STOP
35 FORK=16639,PS(KT,1):POKE16640,PS(KT,2):READLP
37 IFLP=1000THENGOTO47
38 IFNF=1THENNF=0:IFLP<2000THENLPRINTSTRING$(30," ");ELSELPRINTSTRING$(25
,""):READLP
39 IFLP>0THENIFSC$(KA)="THENLPRINTSTRING$(LP,LI$):ELSELPRINTSTRING$(LP,SC$
(KA)):
41 IFLP<0THENLPRINTSTRING$(ABS(LP)," ");
43 IFLP=0THENLPRINTCHR$(13):CHR$(27):CHR$(30):NF=1
45 READLP:GOTO37
47 LPRINT" ":LPRINT" ":NF=1:NEXTKB:FOR K=1TO20:LPRINT" ":NEXTKC
49 NEXTKA
51 CLS:PRINT"END OF PRINT.":PRINT:PRINT:GOTO19

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Program Listing 2. Super Banner II

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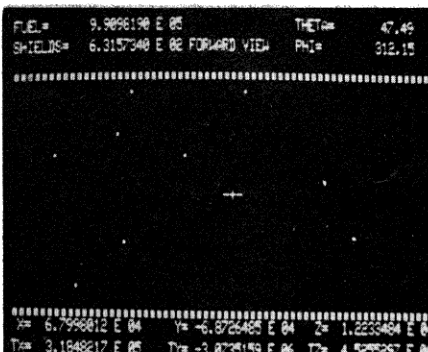
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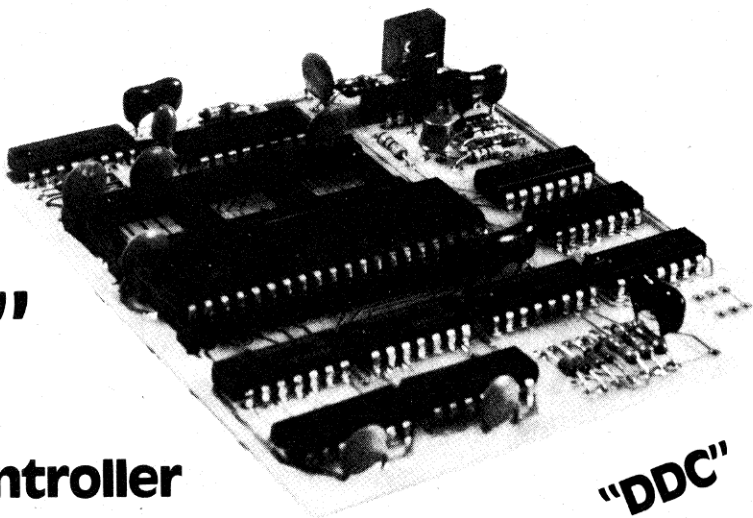
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### ★ TEST RESULTS ★

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# Space Chase

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**H**ere's a 16K Level II game, for the fumble-fingered, that places few demands on the intellect. As you guide a robot cargo ship through the hazards of space, no less than 26 sub-routines are invoked to tickle your ears and eyes. The game has no instructions or complicated strategies to master, and is suitable for all ages.

## Get Ready for Fun!

Start by connecting your keyboard to an amplifier, using the plug that normally goes to the cassette Aux jack. If you do not have an amplifier, put a small radio nearby and you will still hear many of the program's sound effects.

Your goal is to guide three robot-piloted freighters to Terra while dodging the hazards of space: pirates called "space-jackers," encounters with greedy aliens, friendly space tankers, exploding engines, space vortices, robot problems,

loose plasma-bombs, space holes, asteroid showers, signals from humans in distress, drifting space derelicts and UFOs.

The job is not difficult; your screen relays the freighter's visual sensors, and you have a short list of commands to control the flight. These commands allow you to go at impulse or warp speed, or risk a hyper-space jump. You occasionally must recharge the ship's crystal power (XTAL) banks and plug a fresh battery (BATT) into the robot-pilot so he can continue accepting your orders.

The ship's computers will tell you when to issue a particular order. If you fail to pay attention, you must suffer the consequences. You can summon the on-board computer for a status readout, and also fire missiles at your pursuers. If things get too tough, press the Quit key to abort and start over.

Shortly after launch, you must race the space-jackers to the safety of Terra. Your screen will constantly tell you the number of parsecs (DX:) left to go, as well as warning messages. Reports from the robot-pilot and messages from your employer, Cargo Command, are also visible.

Do not worry if you lose a few ships—the robots are expendable and your shift will end if you

can land three successfully. Then you can spend all your money. The bonus earned on each successful flight is put in your bank account, though you cannot bank bonus money earned during a flight ending in space disaster.

Many things can happen in space, but the game is biased toward non-violent and humanitarian action. Failure to respond to an S.O.S. call may entail sad consequences, and trying to fight off aliens is rarely successful. Your missiles are sometimes effective against the space-jackers, but wasting them will reduce your bonus.

Most of the game's action involves various random elements chained together in either a random or cause/effect relationship. Certain strategies may facilitate success. You can key in your name as the game starts, or hit Enter and let Cadet Fred Fumble represent you. Each good landing earns you a promotion.

The two tables of variables (Tables 1 and 2) explain the mechanics of the program so you can modify it. The listing is long, but leaves enough room in a 16K system for the TC-8 high-speed tape software, or some other utility. All the subroutines are in the final block of lines beginning at 2000, and you can

delete all REMs without crashing the program.

Many features and interrelations may not be apparent in your first try, so spend a few sessions with the game before you tinker with it. You might add a game-end situation based on bonus money earned, rather than the number of successful landings. If your version is better than this Space Chase, I would like to hear about it.

This program POKes the machine language sound generator into the free reserved RAM space; it does not use the VARPTR method of keeping the routine in a string. See my Missiles from Mars game (80 *Microcomputing*, January 1982) for guidance on moving the sound routine to the top of 16K memory. ■

*Charles E. Gillen is 48 years old and has spent most of the last 20 years in Asia. He does all his programming on a simple 16K Model I.*

## The Key Box

Basic Level II  
Model I  
16K RAM



A(#) Locations to print asterisks  
 AJ Number of space-jackers hit by asteroids  
 B Number of batteries left  
 BB Plasma-bomb flag  
 BP Print location for Battery Low message  
 C Multi-purpose counter  
 CH Character used to paint screen  
 D Multi-purpose counter  
 F Tons of cargo  
 G Colony to Terra distance  
 HB Amount of bonus earned  
 HT Total in bank account  
 J Distance done by space-jacker  
 JP Jump flag  
 K Number of space-jackers killed  
 L Number of ships lost  
 M Number of missiles left  
 O Number of orders left in battery  
 P Number of parsecs moved since launch  
 PA Print location for Alien graphic  
 PD Print location for "DX" distance  
 PJ Print location for space-jacker graphic  
 PM Print location for messages  
 Q Increment in vortex sound  
 R Number of robot-cargo ship  
 RH Number of humans saved per rescue  
 RS Number of humans saved per voyage  
 S Multi-purpose counter and USR call  
 SR Counter in star-printing loop  
 ST Counter to give head start on jacker  
 T Alien tractor beam flag  
 TB Print location of tractor beam graphic  
 TK Print location of space tanker  
 U Print location of UFO  
 V Temporarily holds G variable  
 W Warp flag  
 WI Number of ships landed successfully  
 X Number of XTALS charged  
 XP Print location of "XTAL LOW" message

Table 1

ALS Alien graphic  
 AMS(1) "GROK?" spoken by aliens  
 AMS(2) "BARF!"  
 AMS(3) "FRED?"  
 BS "BATT LOW"  
 BYS "BATTERY"  
 CCS "CARGO COMMAND"  
 DS Derelict ship graphic  
 DNS Moves cursor to print alien  
 DT\$ "DERELICT"  
 EJS Erases space-jacker graphic  
 FS Prints one line of screen frame  
 J1\$ Intercepting object graphic  
 J2\$ Space-jacker graphic  
 MS Menu of orders  
 M1\$ "MESSAGE:"  
 M2\$ "REPORT:"  
 M4\$ "ORDER:"  
 M5\$ "WARNING:"  
 M7\$ "QUERY:"  
 NS Player name else "FRED FUMBLE"  
 NY\$ "NOT READY"  
 PBS "PLASMA-BOMB"  
 RK\$(0) "CADET"  
 RK\$(1) "CAPTAIN"  
 RK\$(2) "COLONEL"  
 RP\$ "ROBOT-PILOT"  
 RY\$ "READY"  
 SS Three spaces  
 SJ\$ "SPACE-JACKER"  
 TS Tanker graphic  
 XS "XTAL LOW"  
 YS INKEY\$ loops

Table 2

## Program Listing

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10 REM ***** CHARLES E. GILLEN
20 REM ** SPACE CHASE **
30 REM ***** AMERICAN EMBASSY, SEOUL
40 REM ***** APO SAN FRANCISCO 96301
40 REM V.114OCT81
100 CLS:A=30:FORB=1TO16:PRINT@A,STRING$(34,"");:A=A+62:NEXT:A=0:FORB=1TO16
:PRINT@B,STRING$(33,"");:A=A+66:NEXT:PRINT@472," SPACE CHASE "
110 RANDM:CLER400:DEFINT A-Z:DEFDBL H-R:FS=CHR$(191)+CHR$(254)+CHR$(191):
M1$="MESSAGE":M2$="REPORT":M4$="ORDER":M5$="WARNING":M7$="QUERY":
:PM=515:BP=131:XP=181:J1$=STRING$(2,148):RY$="READY":INY$="NOT READY":
120 FORC=16446TO16474:READD:POKEC,D:NEXT:POKE16526,62:POKE16527,64:DATA285,
127,18,62,1,14,0,23,91,61,64,69,47,230,3,179,211,255,13,40,4,16,246,24,242
:37,32,241,281
130 GOSUB2198:SJS="SPACE-JACKER":RP$="ROBOT-PILOT":CC$="CARGO COMMAND":BYS=
"BATTERY":PBS="PLASMA-BOMB":DT$="DERELICT":PD=565:DIMRK$(2):RK$(0)="CADET":
:RK$(1)="CAPTAIN":RK$(2)="COLONEL"
140 MS="BATT / XTAL / COMP / WARP / JUMP / FIRE / QUIT":EJS=CHR$(200)
+CHR$(26)+STRING$(8,8)+CHR$(200):PJ=276:DIMA(10):TS="-----<+J1$+>-----":DS
=J1$+"====+J1$:SS=CHR$(195)
150 DNS=CHR$(26)+STRING$(5,8):ALS=CHR$(183)+CHR$(164)+" "+CHR$(152)+CHR$(18
7)+DNS+CHR$(152)+CHR$(159)+CHR$(191)+CHR$(164)+DNS+CHR$(130)+CHR$(
139)+CHR$(188)+CHR$(135)+CHR$(129):AMS(1)="GROK?":AMS(2)="BARF!":AMS(3)="F
RED?"
160 BS="BATT LOW":XS="XTAL LOW":J2$=" "+CHR$(144)+" "+CHR$(164)+CHR$(176)+C
HR$(132)+" "+CHR$(144)+CHR$(26)+STRING$(8,8)+CHR$(136)+STRING$(2,131)+CHR$(
143)+CHR$(159)+CHR$(135)+CHR$(131)+CHR$(137)
170 CLS:GOSUB2040:CH=37:GOSUB2070:PRINT@336," INTER-COLONY "CC$:":GOSUB
2010:PRINT:PRINTSS"WILL HIRE YOU AS A ROBOT-CARGO CONTROLLER IF YOU ENTER:
INPUT" YOUR NAME HERE:":N$:GOSUB2100:IFLEN(N$)=0:THENN$="FRED FUMBLE"
180 PRINT@0,"":GOSUB2040:CH=47:GOSUB2070:PRINT@PM,M2$;:PRINT@707,"ROBOT-CA
RGO *R*LAUNCHED BY COLONY ZED-LXXX:":PRINT:PRINTSS"SWITCHING TO ONBOARD VI
EWSCREEM...":GOSUB2020:PRINT@963,"PLEASE TAKE CONTROL NOW:":GOSUB2090:GOSU
B2010
190 M=5:J=0:P=0:T=0:O=5:B=7:X=7:ST=0:F=100:G=100+RND(100):HB=0:W=1:JP=1:AJ=
0:HS=0:K=0:CH=32:GOSUB2070
200 REM TOP OF ACTION LOOP
210 PRINT@PJ,EJS;:PJ=202+RND(40):GOSUB2050:IFB=1:THENPRINT@PM,M5$;:GOSUB2010
:PRINT"ONLY I "RP$ "BYS" LEFT:":GOSUB2090:GOSUB2020
220 IFB=1:THENIFRND(20)>1:THEN240ELSEGOSUB2010:PRINTRP$ REPORTS "PB$" TICKI
NG...:GOSUB2020:CLS:FORB=1TO3000:NEXT:GOSUB2040:GOSUB2010:PRINT"SHIP"R"LOS
T FROM SCREEN:":GOSUB2020:L=L+1:BB=0:GOTO1260
230 IFB=1:THENIFRND(5)=1:THENGOSUB2010:PRINTRP$R"STILL TRYING TO TAKE THE "PB
$" APART:":GOSUB2020
240 IFO=1:THENPRINT@PM,M3$;:PRINT@BP,B$;:GOSUB2010:PRINTBY$ FAILING...REGR.
E.T...:GOSUB2090:GOSUB2020:GOTO2020ELSEIFO=1:THENPRINT@BP,B$;
250 ST=ST+1:IFB=1:THENGOSUB2200:GOTO650
260 IFST<6:THEN200ELSEJ=J+RND(9):IFJ<6:THEN200
270 GOSUB2260:PRINT@PM,M3$;:GOSUB2010:PRINT"SHIP OVERTAKEN BY "SJ$":PRINT
@PJ,J2$;:GOSUB2100:GOSUB2220:GOTO1210
280 IFST<5:THEN310ELSEIFST<6:THENPRINT@PM,M2$;:GOSUB2010:PRINT"SENSORS DETECT
OBJECT ON INTERCEPT ORBIT:":GOSUB2020:GOTO2090ELSEPRINT@PM,M2$;:GOSUB2010:P
RINTSS$SIGHTED"R"PARSEC$ BACK:":GOTO300
290 PRINT@PJ,J1$;:GOTO310
300 PRINT@PJ,J2$;:GOSUB2100:GOSUB2020:IFRND(2)=1:THENPRINT@PJ,BJ$;
310 PRINT@560,B$;:PRINT@PD,"DX:":GOSUB2010:PRINT@PM,M4$;:PRINT@707,M$;:
PRINT@835,"CONTROLLER IN CHARGE:":RK$(WI)N$:PRINT@963,"BANK ACCOUNT:":HT
,SS$SS$BONUS THIS FLIGHT:":HB;
320 REM INKEY$ CMD LOOP
330 YS=INKEY$:PRINT@PM+7,STRING$(2,143);:IFX<2:THENPRINT@XP,X$;:GOSUB2100
340 IFO=1:THENPRINT@BP,B$;:GOSUB2170
350 PRINT@PM+7,SS;:IFP>G:THEN1200ELSEIFY$="B"THEN640ELSEIFY$="X"THEN490ELSEI
FY$="W"THEN530ELSEIFY$="C"THEN580ELSEIFY$="J"THEN450ELSE
IFY$="F"THEN390ELSEIFY$="Q"THENGOSUB2010:GOTO1260
360 S=USR(250+RND(5)*10):GOTO330
370 REM ORDERS
380 REM FIRE
390 O=O-1:IFM=1:THENM=0:GOTO400ELSEIFM=0:THEN430ELSEPRINT@PJ,J2$;:M=M-1:PRINT
@PM,M2$;:GOSUB2010:PRINT"F I R I N G:":GOSUB2080:IFRND(10)<3:THEN410ELSE420
400 IFP-J<1:ANDHB>0:THEN410ELSE420
410 GOSUB2080:GOSUB2080:PRINT@PJ,EJS;:GOSUB2010:PRINT"ATTACKER DESTROYED:":
PRINTSSCC$ WILL PAY BOUNTY OF 2,000 SOLS:":GOSUB2020:J=0:ST=0:HB=HB+2000:K
=K+1:GOTO210
420 GOSUB2010:PRINT"REGRET FIRE NOT EFFECTIVE:":PRINT:PRINTSS"MISSILES LEFT
":M:GOSUB2020:GOTO210
430 PRINT@PM,M5$;:GOSUB2010:PRINT"MISSILE TUBES EMPTY:":GOSUB2220:GOTO210
440 REM JUMP
450 O=O-1:IFB=1:THENGOSUB2010:PRINTCC$":PRINT:GOSUB2090:PRINTSS"JUMP ORDER
COUNTERMANDED:":PRINTSS"ONLY A MADMAN WOULD JUMP WITH A "PBS" ABOARD:":GOSU
B2020:GOTO210
460 IFJPORX<3:THENGOSUB2010:PRINT"JUMP "NYS:GOSUB2220:GOTO210ELSEGOSUB2010:P
RINT"JUMP TO HYPERSPACE:":JP=1:X=X-3:CH=166:GOSUB2070:GOSUB2210:GOSUB2010:I
FRND(3)=1:THEN470ELSEPRINT"JUMP FAILED:":P=0:J=0:ST=0:GOSUB2220:CH=32:GOSUB2
070:GOTO210
470 HB=HB+500:PRINT"JUMP SUCCESSFUL:":GOSUB2020:GOSUB2230:CH=32:GOSUB2070:P
=P+20+RND(30):PRINT@PD,"DX:":G-P;:GOTO210
480 REM IMPULSE
490 HB=HB+50:JP=0:W=0:O=O-1:X=X-1:PRINT@PM,M2$;:GOSUB2010:PRINT"IMPULSE DRI
VE ENGAGED:":GOSUB2240:IFX<1:THEN810
500 IFX<2:THENPRINT@PM,M5$;:PRINT@XP,X$;:GOSUB2020
510 P=P+RND(10):PRINT@PD,"DX:":G-P;:IFRND(9)<4:THEN660ELSE210
520 REM WARP
530 O=O-1:IFW=1:THENPRINT@PM,M1$;:GOSUB2010:PRINT"WARP "NYS:GOSUB2220:GOTO210
540 IFX-2<0:ORX<1:THENGOSUB2010:PRINT"INSUFFICIENT XTALS TO WARP:":GOSUB2220
:GOTO210ELSEIFX-3<0:THENGOSUB2010:PRINT"USING LAST XTALS TO WARP:":GOSUB2220
550 HB=HB+100:GOSUB2010:PRINT"WARP DRIVE ENERGIZED...":PRINT@PJ,EJS;:GOSUB
2120:W=1:X=X-3:IFX<2:THENPRINT@PM,M5$;:PRINT@XP,X$;
560 P=P+5+2*RND(10):PRINT@PD,"DX:":G-P;:IFRND(9)<6:THEN660ELSE210
570 REM XTAL
580 O=O-1:PRINT@181,CHR$(200);:PRINT@PM,M2$;:GOSUB2010:PRINT"XTAL BANKS REC
HARGED:":GOSUB2020:X=7:GOTO210
590 REM COMPUTER
600 O=O-1:PRINT@PM,M2$;:PRINT@707,"":PRINTTAB(20)O"MORE ORDERS ON THIS "BY
$":SS$S:PRINTTAB(20)X"POWER XTALS CHARGED:":PRINTTAB(20)B"SPARE BATTERIES.
":PRINTTAB(20)M"MISSILES:":GOSUB2020:PRINTTAB(23)"WARP ":IFW=1:THENPRINTNYS;E
LSEPRINTNYS;
610 PRINTSS$S"JUMP ":IFJ=1:THENPRINTNYS;ELSEPRINTNYS;
620 GOSUB2020:GOTO210
630 REM BATTERIES
640 PRINT@BP,CHR$(200);:IFB<1:THEN1210ELSEB=B-1:O=5:PRINT@PM,M2$;:GOSUB2010:
PRINT"NEW "BY$" INSTALLED...":B"LEFT:":PRINT:PRINTSSRP$:CAN ACCEPT"O"MORE
ORDERS:":GOSUB2020:GOTO210
650 REM TAKE A CHANCE
660 ONRND(20)GOTO680,1180,910,930,910,840,680,970,860,930,1180,970,810,680,
860,790,930,840,790,970

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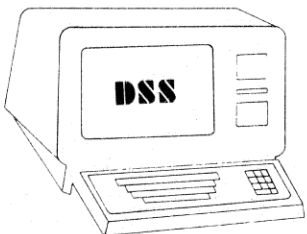
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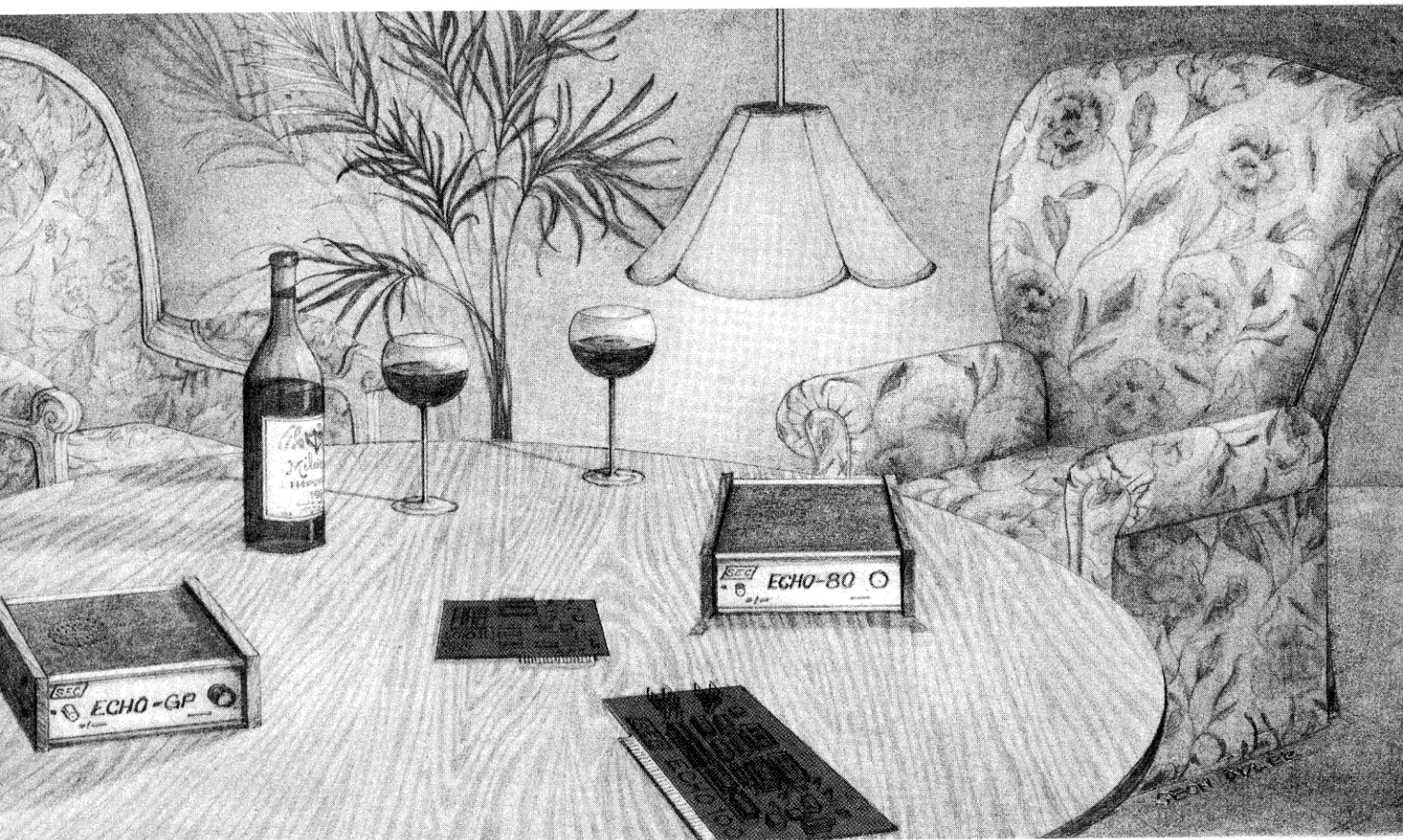
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670 REM ALIENS
680 PRINT@PJ,EJ$;TB=115:FORC=1TO9:PRINT@TB,"//////";S=USR(256+TB):TB=TB+5
9: NEXT:PRINT@PM,M3$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"ALIEN TRACTOR BEAM HOLDING SHIP.";GOSU
B2190
690 J=J+RND(10):IFJ>PTHEN820
700 GOSUB2250:PRINT@PM,M4$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"ALIENS DEMAND 10 PERCENT OF CAR
GO.";PRINTSS"CARGO NOW AT F"TONS.";PRINTSS" FIGHT OR NEGOTIATE ?";IFST>6THEN
PRINTSS$;P=J"PARSECS BEHIND.
710 Y$=INKEY$;IFY$="F"THEN730ELSEIFY$="N"THEN760ELSEGOSUB2130:GOTO710
720 REM FIGHT
730 IFRND(10)<7THEN740ELSECH=32:GOSUB2070:GOSUB2050:PRINT@PM,M2$;GOSUB2010
:PRINT"SHIP HAS ESCAPED ALIEN TRACTORS.";GOSUB2020:T=0:HB=HB+1000:GOTO210
740 GOSUB2250:GOSUB2230:PRINT@PM,M3$;GOSUB2250:GOSUB2010:PRINT"SHIP BEING
TORN APART BY ALIENS.";GOSUB2020:GOSUB2250:GOSUB2230:GOTO210
750 REM DEAL
760 F=F-(F/10):IFRND(10)>4THEN770ELSECH=32:GOSUB2070:GOSUB2050:PRINT@PM,M2$
;PRINT@PD,"DX="G-P;GOSUB2010:PRINT"SHIP RELEASED. ALIENS FRIENDLY.";PRINT
SS"CARGO LEFT:"F"TONS.";X=X+3:W=0:GOSUB2020:T=0:GOTO210
770 PRINT@PM,M2$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"NEGOTIATIONS STALLED. ALIENS UNFRIENDLY."
;GOSUB2020:GOSUB2250:T=1:GOTO210
780 REM TANKER
790 PRINT@PM,M2$;PRINT@PJ,EJ$;PRINT@XP,CHR$(200);TK=RND(8)*64+15+RND(30)
:PRINT@TK,T$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"PASSED SPACE TANKER #RND(13)"-- ALL SYSTEMS
REPLENISHED.";GOSUB2020:PRINT@TK,CHR$(204);O=5:B=7:X=7:M=5:W=0:GOTO210
800 REM ENGINE
810 IFST<4THEN210ELSEGOSUB2230:CH=191:GOSUB2070:PRINT@PM,M2$;GOSUB2010:PRI
NT"ENGINES OVERLOADED.
THEY BLEW UP.
SORRY..."GOSUB2020:CH=32:GOSUB2070:GOSUB2050
820 PRINT@PM,M3$;GOSUB2010:PRINTSJS" CLOSING IN FAST.";PRINT@PJ,J2$;GOSUB
2260:GOTO210
830 REM VORTEX
840 CH=64:GOSUB2070:V=G:PRINT@PM,M3$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"S P A C E V O R T E X
";GOSUB2030:PRINT@PM,M2$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"PARSECS OF CARGO.";G-V:GOTO210
20:CH=32:GOSUB2070:GOSUB2050:GOTO210
850 REM ROBOT TROUBLE
860 GOSUB2010:PRINTCCS":GOSUB2090:PRINTSSRPS;R;ONRND(5)GOTO870,880,890,8
70,890
870 PRINT"JUST ATE A "BY$" WITHOUT AN ORDER.";PRINTSS"SCHEDULE HIM FOR REPA
IR IF HE LANDS.";GOSUB2020:B=B-1:GOTO210
880 PRINT"HAS BLOWN A FUZE.";PRINTSS"RETURN TO COLONY FOR A NEW SHIP.";GOSU
B2020:GOTO1320
890 PRINT"FOUND A "PBS" IN "BY$" LOCKER.";PRINT:PRINTSS"HE IS TRYING TO DIS
MANTLE IT.";GOSUB2090:GOSUB2020:BB=1:GOTO210
900 REM SPACE HOLE
910 CH=32:GOSUB2070:GOSUB2010:PRINTCCS":PRINT:PRINTSS"SHIP #R"LOST CONTA
CT. MUST BE IN A SPACE HOLE.";FORD=1TO3500:NEXT:GOSUB2050:GOSUB2050:IFRND(2
)=1THENP=P+10:GOTO210ELSESEP=P-10:GOTO210
920 REM ASTEROIDS
930 FORC=1TO2:FORS=0TO10:A(S)=64*RND(9)+11+RND(40):PRINT@A(S),CHR$(130+RND(
60));GOSUB2110:NEXT:FORS=0TO10:PRINT@A(S)," ";NEXT:NEXT:J=J+1:P=P-RND(3):
PRINT@PD,"DX="G-P;PRINT@PM,M5$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"SHIP SPEED REDUCED BY ASTE
ROID SHOWER.";GOSUB2020
940 IFST>SANDRND(3)=1THENGOSUB2080:PRINT@PJ,EJ$;J=0:GOSUB2010:PRINTSJS" HI
T AN ASTEROID.";AJ=AJ+1:GOSUB2020:IFRND(2)=1THEN970
950 GOTO210
960 REM SOS
970 PRINT@PM,M3$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"DISTRESS SIGNAL NOTED ON ULTRAWAVE.";PRIN
TS$"RESPOND OR IGNORE ?";GOSUB2140
980 Y$=INKEY$;IFY$="R"THEN990ELSEIFY$="I"THEN1000ELSEGOSUB2140:GOTO980
990 ONRND(7)GOTO1020,1040,1050,1040,1070,1010,1030
1000 PRINT@PM,M2$;GOSUB2010:HB=HB-100:PRINT"HAVE RESUMED COURSE FOR TERRA.
";PRINTSS"SPACE LAW FINE OF 100 SOLS DEDUCTED FROM BONUS.";GOSUB2020:IFRND(
5)>1THEN210ELSE810'AND BLOW UP
1010 IFAJTHENPRINT@PM,M1$;GOSUB2010:PRINTCCS":GOSUB2090:PRINTSS"SOURCE O
F S.O.S. SIGNAL IS A "SJS$.";PRINTSS"DO NOT RESPOND.";GOSUB2020:GOTO210
1020 PRINT@PM,M5$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"SIGNAL WAS A HOAX.";PRINTSS"OTHER SHIP L
OOKS LIKE A PIRATE.";GOSUB2020:GOTO270
1030 PRINT@PM,M2$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"SENSORS FOUND NOTHING. RESUMING COURSE."
;PRINTSS"COLLECT 500 SOLS REWARD FROM SPACERS' RELIEF FUND.";HB=HB+500:GOSU
B2020:GOTO210
1040 PRINT@PM,M2$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"THE S.O.S. FADED AWAY. NOTHING SEEN.";GO
SUB2020:GOTO210
1050 PRINT@PM,M2$;GOSUB2010:RH=1+RND(3):HS=HS+RH:PRINT"FOUND"RH"HUMANS IN
RESCUE CAPSULE.";PRINTSS"THEY OFFER"RH"897"SOLS FOR PASSAGE HOME.";HB=HB+RH
*897:GOSUB2020:GOSUB2020
1060 IFBTHENIFRND(3)=1THENBB=0:PRINTSS"A HUMAN SHUT OFF OFF "PBS" JUST IN
TIME.";GOSUB2020:GOTO210ELSE210
1070 PRINT@PJ,EJ$;PRINT@PJ,D$;PRINT@PM,M7$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"SENSORS SHOW
"DT$" SHIP. NO SIGN OF LIFE.";PRINTSS"SALVAGE OR DESTROY ?
1080 Y$=INKEY$;IFY$="S"THEN1090ELSEIFY$="D"THEN1130ELSEGOSUB2130:GOTO1080
1090 PRINT@PM,M2$;GOSUB2010:ONRND(3)GOTO1100,1110,1120
1100 PRINT"NOTHING OF VALUE FOUND. WILL RESUME COURSE.";GOSUB2020:GOTO210
1110 PRINT"FOUND WEAPONS AND USEFUL CARGO. NOW TAKING ABOARD.";M=M+3:F=F+RND
D(10)*(F/10):GOSUB2020:GOTO210
1120 PRINTDT$" CRAWLING WITH ALIENS...THEY HAVE INVADED SHIP.";GOSUB2190:IF
HS>4THENPRINTSS"THE"HS"HUMAN PASSENGERS OVERCAME THEM.";CH=32:GOSUB2070:GOS
UB2050:GOSUB2080:ONRND(3)GOTO1140,1150,1160
1130 IFM<1THEN430ELSEM=M-1:PRINT@PM,M5$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"READY TO FIRE...":
GOSUB2020:GOSUB2080:ONRND(3)GOTO1140,1150,1160
1140 PRINT@PJ,EJ$;PRINT@PM,M2$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"THE "DT$" DESTROYED. RESUM
ING COURSE.";GOSUB2020:GOTO210
1150 GOSUB2230:ST=5:CH=191:GOSUB2070:GOSUB2010:PRINT"THE "DT$" EXPLD...DAMA
GE TO C....":GOSUB2020:CH=32:GOSUB2070:GOSUB2050:GOTO810
1160 HB=HB+2000:K=K+1:PRINT@PJ,J2$;GOSUB2020:GOSUB2080:PRINT@PM,M3$;GOSUB
2010:PRINTSS$" WAS HIDING BEHIND "DT$".;PRINTSS"HE WAS DESTROYED ALSO.";PR
INTSS"SHIP #R"NOW JUMPING TO TERRA TERMINUS.";GOSUB2120:GOSUB2120:P=G:GOTO
1280
1170 REM UFO
1180 PRINT@PJ,EJ$;U=72+RND(25):FORC=1TO9:PRINT@U,J1$";GOSUB2180:PRINT@U
," ";GOSUB2170:U=U+62+2*RND(3):NEXT:PRINT@PM,M7$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"WHAT TH
E HELL WAS THAT ?";GOSUB2020:IFRND(3)>1THEN210ELSEB=1:PRINT@PM,M5$;GOSUB20
10
1190 PRINTCCS":GOSUB2090:PRINTSS"THAT UFO ZAPPED THE SPARE BATTERIES.";GO
SUB2020:GOTO210
1200 REM BRICKBATS
1210 L=L+1:GOSUB2010:PRINT"FROM INTER-COLONY "CCS" HQ.";GOSUB2090:PRINT@771
,"";ONRND(4)GOTO1220,1230,1240,1250
1220 PRINT"ROBOT-CARGO #R"LOST. WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON ?";GOTO1310
1230 PRINT"PLEASED "RK$(WI)N$" LOST ONLY"LSHIPS SO FAR.";GOTO1310
1240 PRINTRP$" #R" REPORTED "RK$(WI)N$"S A "STRINGS(8,143)".;GOTO1310
1250 PRINTSS$" RADIO SAYS "RK$(WI)N$" WAS BRIBED.";GOTO1310
1260 PRINTSSCCS$" SAYS "N$" NEEDS MORE PRACTICE.";IFY$="Q"THENPRINT:PRINTSS"
ACCOUNT FINAL TOTAL:"HB+HT"SOLS.";GOTO1310ELSE1310
1270 REM SUCCESS
1280 PRINT@PD,"DX: 000";GOSUB2020:PRINT@PM,M2$;GOSUB2010:PRINT"SHIP #R"L

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# Fore! Scorekeeper

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During a medium-sized golf tournament, much frustration and confusion surrounds the scorekeeper . . . especially during the last few hours of the game! Many tournament scores are computed using the popular "Callaway Handicap" system. This system, while perhaps giving every player a fair chance to compete, gets very confusing.

The Callaway System computes your net score by deducting from your gross score the scores of some certain number of holes. The number of holes to subtract is based on your total (gross) score. If you are a "scratch" golfer, you get no handicap, but should you shoot 130, for example, you can subtract the highest six holes. In addition, after you subtract the appropriate number of holes, another adjustment ranging from -2 to +2 applies to your handicap. Generally you determine the number of holes to subtract and the adjustment by referring to a table.

However, a few subtle rules complicate the matter further. No more than twice the par score

for any hole may be deducted. Since the par score for a hole frequently differs for men and women you must consider the player's sex. Finally, the system specifies that you cannot deduct the scores of either of the last two holes played. (A player can take advantage of the handicap system by shooting a certain score on his last holes.) In a tournament golfers often start on both the "front" (hole 1) and the "back" (hole 10) courses, therefore you must consider which holes he played last.

Using Callaway manually is complex. The announcements of the winners are frequently delayed several hours after the last foursome has come in off the course. Tracking possible winners throughout the game is virtually impossible to handle manually.

To solve such a problem (and to create a conversation piece at the nineteenth hole) you can pack your TRS-80 out to the course to keep score. With a 16K machine and the Program Listing you can calculate the net scores for up to 200 golfers and keep track of the current standings.

To initiate the program you must first load the par scores that apply to the course. The program then asks whether guests are eligible to compete for prizes in your game. (If you are having a club or company game, this is often not permitted.) The program then asks you the number and the names of the units in competition. This

could be departments, lodges, teams, committees, and so on that the players represent.

After this initial loading, you are ready to input the individual player's scores. First, the program asks you how many players are in the group. This is usually four. Frequently, however, a group will lose a player they had planned on. If there are not four in the group, the scores will not be counted in the four-somes competition.

Next, you must enter a number to identify the group. I use the original tee-off time, for example, 0902 for 9:02 AM. If there are two groups, I use 0902.1 and 0902.2 for front and back course respectively. You must then specify whether the group started on the front (hole 1) or the back (hole 10) course.

Now you must enter individual data for the players. First, input the name for player one. The program will truncate the name to the first ten characters input to conserve space. Now specify which unit (department, and so on) this person represents. Next, input the player's sex by answering M or F.

Then enter the individual hole scores for holes 1-9. You always enter these scores first regard-

less of which holes were played first. Enter all nine scores on one line separated by commas. When you press Enter, the computer will display the gross score for the front nine. Check this with the scorecard. You must resolve any differences as either a keyboard error or a golfer error. Follow this with the scores for the back nine, and the program will ask you whether to continue or to reenter the scores.

When you continue, the program will calculate the player's net score and he will know immediately if he is in the running for any prizes. Anytime the "NAME?" prompt is on the screen, you can get a status of the low gross winners, low net winners, low foursomes, hole averages and more . . . to keep the conversation lively in the clubhouse during the long afternoon!

You can attach an optional line printer to give each golfer a "receipt" of his calculations. The first few lines of the program make up a machine language routine that will allow you to print the screen to a line printer by pressing the space bar and the shift key together. If you want to use this feature, answer Y to the question regarding the printer. ■

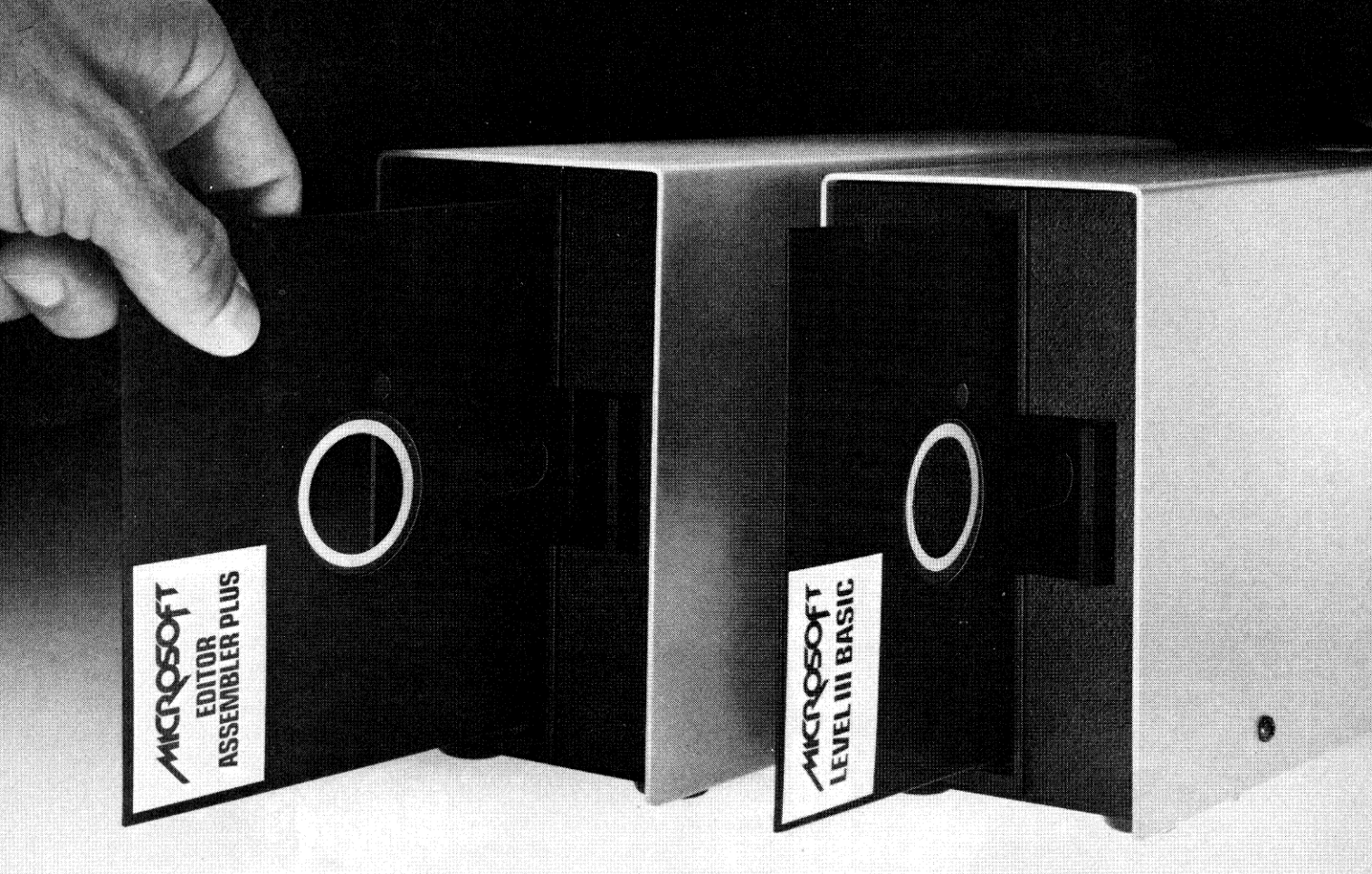
### Program Listing

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10 DATA 33,175,127,34,22,64,201,0,0
20 DATA 58,128,56,254,1,194,227,3,58,64,56,254,128,194,227,3,245,197,213,22
9,33,0,60,22,16,6,64,78,126,254,32,32,20,197,229,195,218,127,126,254,32,32,
8
30 DATA 35,16,248,241,193,195,234,127,225,193,205,141,5,35,16,224,14,32,6,2
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Program continues

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,205,141,5,14,13,16,249,21,194,200,127,225,209,193,241,195,227,3
40 CLEAR2500
50 CLS
60 PRINT#405,"CALLOWAY GOLF TOURNAMENT"
70 PRINT#474,"COPYRIGHT 1979"
80 PRINT#539,"RODGER WELLS"
90 DIM P(18,2),S(18),T(18)
100 DIM M(11),MS(11),D(8,5,2),DS(8,5),LN(11,2),LNS(11)
110 DIM TL(201),G(201),F(201),TS(201),HT(18),FF(11,2)
120 FORX=1TO18:M(X)=200:LN(X,1)=200:FF(X,2)=800:NEXT
130 FORX=1TO4:FORX1=1TO8:D(X1,X,1)=200:NEXTX1,X
140 FORX=1TO200:TL(X)=1000:NEXT
150 CLS
160 INPUT"WILL A PRINTER BE USED (Y/N)";AS:IFAS="N"THENCLS:GOTO210
170 PRINT"MEMORY SIZE MUST HAVE BEEN SET AT 32677":PRINT"LOADING SCREEN PRI
NT ROUTINE..."
180 FORX=32678TO32767:READY:POKEX,Y:NEXT
190 POKE 16526,166:POKE16527,127:A=USR(0):PRINT"SCREEN PRINT DRIVER LOADED.
SCREEN CAN BE PRINTED AT ANY TIME
BY PRESSING SHIFT & SPACE SIMULTANEOUSLY"
200 INPUT"PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE";Z:CLS
210 PRINT"THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES GOLF SCORES USING THE POPULAR CALLOWAY"
220 PRINT" HANDICAP SYSTEM. THIS SYSTEM BASES EACH PLAYER'S HANDICAP"
230 PRINT" ON THEIR GROSS SCORE. A CERTAIN NUMBER OF HOLES (AND HALF"
240 PRINT" HOLES) ARE DEDUCTED AND AN ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT RANGING FROM"
250 PRINT" -2 TO +2 IS COMPUTED FOR EACH PLAYER."
260 PRINT"PRINT"THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS AND RULES APPLY (UNLESS MODIFIED)
:"
270 PRINT" 1. ONLY THE FIRST 16 PLAYED HOLES MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR"
280 PRINT" DEDUCTION. (ACTUAL HOLES DEPEND ON STARTING HOLE)"
290 PRINT" 2. MAXIMUM DEDUCTION FOR ANY HOLE IS LIMITED TO TWICE PAR"
300 PRINT" FOR THAT HOLE. (VARIES FOR MALE, FEMALE)"
310 PRINT" 3. HALF STROKES (ON HALF HOLES) ARE DEDUCTED AS FULL STROKES."
320 PRINT"PRINT"ENTER COURSE PAR SCORE FOR EACH HOLE. MEN'S FIRST."
330 FORX=1TO18:PRINT"HOLE # ";X;:INPUTP(X,1):IFP(X,1)=0PRINT"ERROR":INPUTP(
X,1)
340 NEXT
350 PRINT"NOW ENTER WOMEN'S PAR FOR EACH HOLE."
360 FORX=1TO18:PRINT"HOLE # ";X;:INPUTP(X,2):IFP(X,2)=0PRINT"ERROR":INPUTP(
X,2)
370 NEXT
380 CLS
390 PRINT
400 PRINT"PAR SCORES FOR THIS TOURNAMENT ARE NOW SET AS FOLLOWS:"
410 PRINT" FRONT 9 BACK 9"
420 PRINT"HOLE MEN WOMEN HOLE MEN WOMEN"
430 ASH=" ## ## ## ## ## ##"
440 FORX=1TO9
450 PRINTUSINGASH;X,P(X,1),P(X,2),X+9,P(X+9,1),P(X+9,2)
460 NEXTX:PRINT
470 INPUT"HIT ENTER TO CONTINUE (BREAK & RESTART IF WRONG)";X
480 CLS
490 INPUT"DO YOU ALLOW GUESTS TO COMPETE (Y/N)";AS:IFAS="Y"THENG=1:PRINT"I
NCLUDE 'GUEST' AS A DEPARTMENT"
500 INPUT"NUMBER OF UNITS/DEPARTMENTS";ND
510 FORX=1TOND:PRINT"UNIT/DEPT # ";X;:INPUTDP(X):NEXT
520 DP(X)=0:"GUEST"
530 CLS:PRINT"SEVERAL SUMMARIES ARE AVAILABLE WHENEVER 'NAME' IS ON THE SCR
EEN"
540 PRINT" # SUMMARY":PRINT
550 PRINT" 1 LOW FOURSOME NETS"
560 PRINT" 2 LOW GROSS WINNERS (MAX=10)"
570 PRINT" 3 LOW NET WINNERS (MAX=10)"
580 PRINT" UNIT STANDINGS"
590 PRINT" 5 HOLE AVERAGES"
600 PRINT" 6 TOTAL NET SCORE BY INDIVIDUAL":PRINT:IFNS="S"RETURN
610 PRINT"TO PRODUCE A SUMMARY, TYPE 'S' AFTER 'NAME?',"
620 NF=0:INPUT"HOW MANY PLAYERS IN THIS GROUP";NF:IFNF=0THEN620
630 INPUT"GROUP ID NUMBER";FU
640 INPUT"STARTING HOLE (1 OR 10)";SH:IFSH=0SH=1
650 NN=0:GF=0
660 NN=NN+1
670 NS="":INPUT"NAME";NS:IFNS=""NS="S"
680 IFNS="S"THEN 750
690 CLS:PRINT"UNIT #","DEPARTMENT"
700 FORX=GTOND:PRINTX,DP(X):NEXT
710 PRINT:INPUT"UNIT # ";U
720 IF U=0 THEN GF=1 'SETS GUEST FLAG
730 IFLEN(NS)>10 THEN NS=LEFT$(NS,10)
740 GOTO 780
750 F=0:CLS:GOSUB 540 :INPUT"SUMMARY #";F
760 ONFGOSUB 2030 , 2090 , 2130 , 2170 , 2280 , 2340
770 GOTO670
780 SS="":INPUT"MALE OR FEMALE (M/F)";SS:IFSS=""SS="M"
790 T1=0:T2=0:G=0:H1=0
800 NP=NP+1
810 IF SS="F"=2:GOTO 830
820 S=1
830 CLS:PRINT"INPUT HOLE SCORES FOR 1-9 (REGARDLESS OF STARTING HOLE)"
840 INPUT S(1),S(2),S(3),S(4),S(5),S(6),S(7),S(8),S(9)
850 T1=0
860 FORX=1TO9:T1=T1+S(X):NEXTX
870 PRINT"FIRST NINE HOLES--TOTAL= ",T1
880 PRINT"INPUT HOLE SCORES FOR 10-18 NOW..."
890 INPUT S(10),S(11),S(12),S(13),S(14),S(15),S(16),S(17),S(18)
900 T2=0
910 FORX=10TO18:T2=T2+S(X):NEXTX
920 G=T1+T2
930 PRINT"BACK NINE TOTAL--- ",T2;" 18 HOLE GROSS---";G
940 X=1
950 PRINT"ENTER (1) TO GO ON"
960 PRINT" (2) TO RE-ENTER ALL SCORES"
970 PRINT" (3) TO RE-ENTER BACK NINE ONLY"
980 INPUTX:ONXGOTO 990 , 830 , 880
990 "COPY SCORES INTO TEST MATRIX
1000 G=T1+T2
1010 FORX=1TO18:T(X)=S(X):NEXT
1020 "FIGURE CALLOWAY ADJUSTMENT
1030 IFG>72THEN 1060
1040 CLS:PRINTNS;" GROSS= ";G
1050 NE=G:PRINT"SCRATCH GOLFER--NO HANDICAP...":GOTO 1390
1060 IFG>75THEN 1090
1070 N=1:F1=1:A=G-75
1080 GOTO 1150
1090 G1=(G-66)/10:N=INT(G1):IFG1-INT(G1)>.49THEN 1110
1100 F1=0:GOTO 1120
1110 F1=1:N=N+1
1120 A=G-78
1130 IF A=2THEN 1150
1140 A=A-5:GOTO 1130
1150 "START LOOKING FOR HIGH HOLES
1160 IF F1=1THEN N9=N-.5:GOTO 1180
1170 N9=N
1180 CLS:PRINTNS;" GOLFER # ";NP:PRINT"HOLES TO DEDUCT---";N9;" ADJUSTMEN
T--- ";A;" GROSS---";T1+T2
1190 PRINT" HOLE# DEDUCT"

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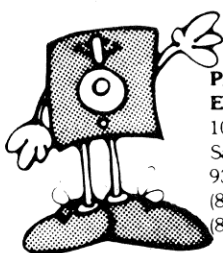
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1200 FORH=1TON 'LOCATES "N" HOLES
1210 T(L1)=0:FL=0
1220 L=L1+1:P1=0:IFSH<1GOTO 1270
1230 FORX=1TO16:GOSUB 2420
1240 NEXTX
1250 GOSUB 1970
1260 GOTO 1320
1270 FORX=1TO18
1280 IFX=BOX9=9THEN 1300 'BLOCKS HOLES 8&9 ON BACK NINE START
1290 GOSUB 2420
1300 NEXTX
1310 GOSUB 1970
1320 ON FL+1 GOTO 1330 , 1340 , 1350
1330 PRINTL1,L:GOTO 1360
1340 PRINTL1,L," SUBTRACT HALF HOLE":GOTO 1360
1350 PRINTL1,L," LIMITED TO 2 x PAR"
1360 NEXTX
1370 PRINT"TOTAL DEDUCT ";H1;" TOTAL HANDICAP ";H1+A
1380 NE=G-(H1+A)
1390 PRINT"SCORE #";NP;" ";NS;" * * * * NET SCORE * * * * ";NE:PRINT
1400 IFU=0GOTO 1830 'BLOCKS GUESTS FROM COMPETITION
1410 "LOW GROSS CALC
1420 FORX=1TO18
1430 IFG>M(X)GOTO 1480
1440 FORX1=1TOX STEP-1
1450 M(X1+1)=M(X1):MS(X1+1)=MS(X1):NEXT X1
1460 M(X)=G:MS(X)=NS
1470 PRINT"PRESENT MEDALIST CONTENDER..";X:GOTO 1490
1480 NEXT X
1490 "UNIT WINNER CALC
1500 FORX=1TO4
1510 IFNE>D(U,X,1)GOTO 1590
1520 IFNE<D(U,X,1)GOTO 1540
1530 IFG>D(U,X,2)GOTO 1590
1540 FORX1=4TOX STEP-1
1550 FORI=1TO2
1560 D(U,X1+1,I)=D(U,X1,I):DS(U,X1+1)=DS(U,X1):NEXTI,X1
1570 D(U,X,1)=NE:D(U,X,2)=G:DS(U,X)=NS
1580 PRINT"PRESENT UNIT REPRESENTATIVE..";X:GOTO 1600
1590 NEXTX
1600 "LOW NET CALC
1610 FORX=1TO18
1620 IFNE>LN(X,1)GOTO 1690
1630 IFNE<LN(X,1)GOTO 1650
1640 IFG>LN(X,2)GOTO 1690
1650 FORX1=10TOX STEP-1
1660 FORI=1TO2:LN(X1+1,I)=LN(X1,I):LNS(X1+1)=LNS(X1):NEXTI,X1
1670 LN(X,1)=NE:LN(X,2)=G:LNS(X)=NS
1680 PRINT"PRESENT LOW NET CONTENDER...";X:GOTO 1700
1690 NEXTX
1700 "TOTAL PLAYER COUNT,STORES ALL NET SCORES,SUMS HOLE TOTALS
1710 FORX=1TO NP
1720 IFNE>T1(X)GOTO 1790
1730 IFNE<T1(X)GOTO 1750
1740 IFG>G(X)GOTO 1790
1750 FORX1=NP+1TOX STEP-1
1760 G(X1+1)=G(X1)
1770 T1(X1+1)=T1(X1):F(X1+1)=F(X1):TS(X1+1)=TS(X1):NEXTX1
1780 T1(X)=NE:F(X)=F:TS(X)=NS:G(X)=G:GOTO1800
1790 NEXTX
1800 FORX=1TO18
1810 HT(X)=HT(X)+S(X):NEXTX
1820 FT=FT+NE
1830 IF NN<NF THEN660
1840 NN=0
1850 IFNF<4THEN1960
1860 IF GF=1THEN1960 'GUEST EXCLUSION FLAG
1870 INPUT"PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE";Z:CLS
1880 FORX=1TO18
1890 IFFT>FF(X,2)THEN1940
1900 FORX1=10TOXSTEP-1
1910 FF(X1+1,1)=FF(X1,1):FF(X1,2)=FF(X1,2):NEXTX1
1920 FF(X,1)=FU:FF(X,2)=FT
1930 PRINT"PRESENT FOURSOME CONTENDERS # ";X:GOTO1950
1940 NEXTX
1950 PRINT"FOURSOME NET TOTAL..";FT
1960 FT=0:INPUT"PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE";Z:CLS:GOTO620
1970 IFL<-2*P(L1,S):FL=2
1980 L=2*P(L1,S):FL=2
1990 IFH<NTHEN 2020
2000 IF FL<1THEN 2020
2010 L=INT(L/2+.9):FL=1
2020 H1=H1+L:RETURN
2030 CLS:PRINT"FOURSOME NET CONTENDERS"
2040 PRINT"RANK","FOURSOME","NET"
2050 FORX=1TO18
2060 PRINTX,FF(X,1),FF(X,2)
2070 NEXT
2080 RETURN
2090 "DISPLAY LOW GROSS
2100 CLS:PRINT"LOW GROSS(MEDALIST)CONTENDERS"
2110 FORX=1TO18:PRINT X,MS(X),M(X):NEXTX
2120 RETURN
2130 "DISPLAY LOW NET
2140 CLS:PRINT"LOW NET CONTENDERS"
2150 FORX=1TO18:PRINT X,LNS(X),LN(X,1):NEXTX
2160 RETURN
2170 "DISPLAY UNIT STANDINGS
2180 CLS
2190 INPUT"WHICH UNIT TO DISPLAY (1-8)";X
2200 DT=0
2210 PRINT"DEPARTMENT#---";X,DP(X)
2220 FORX1=1TO4
2230 PRINTDS(X,X1),D(X,X1,1):DT=DT+D(X,X1,1)
2240 NEXTX1
2250 PRINT"UNIT TOTAL-- ";DT:PRINT:PRINT
2260 INPUT"ANOTHER UNIT (Y/N)";AS:IFAS="Y"THENCLS:GOTO2190
2270 RETURN
2280 "DISPLAY HOLE AVERAGES
2290 PRINT"CURRENT HOLE AVERAGES"
2300 CLS:PRINT"HOLE AVG HOLE AVG"
2310 FORX=1TO9:HA=HT(X)/NP:HB=HT(X+9)/NP:PRINTX,HA,X+9,HB:NEXTX
2320 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
2330 RETURN
2340 "DISPLAYS ALL NET SCORES
2350 CLS:PRINT"NET SCORES":PRINT"RANK NAME NET"
2360 FORX=1TONP
2370 FORY=1TO18
2380 PRINTX,TS(X),T1(X)
2390 NEXTY:PRINT:INPUT"PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE";Z:CLS:PRINT"RANK","NAME","N
ET"
2400 NEXTX
2410 RETURN
2420 IF(T(X)<LTHEN 2470
2430 IF(T(X)>LTHEN 2450
2440 IFP(X,S)<=P1THEN 2470
2450 IF2*P(X,S)<LGOTO 2470
2460 L=T(X):L1=X:P1=P(X,S)
2470 RETURN

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## Using the Indexed Sequential Addressing Mode.

# I Program Therefore ISAM

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**Y**ou have just purchased a book on exotic programming techniques. You open it to the table of contents. There you find one entry, "Exotic Programming Techniques," which begins on page one. You proceed to the back of the book; as you feared, there is no index. What do you do?

You have two choices. You can start at the beginning of the book and read from front to back, or you can haphazardly open the book to a page and see what's there. In computer jargon, you will either read the text sequentially or randomly. Either way, you will probably be able to get from cover to cover.

The catch comes sometime later when you have a problem and want to check your new book for a solution. Without an index you either have to start at the beginning of the book turning a page at a time or randomly access each page, hoping to find your answer. You would find either approach frustrating and time-consuming.

Now, consider this situation. You are writing a mail list program. Are you going to set up sequential or random data files? How are you going to recover records from your data files? Are you going to start at the beginning and thumb through until you find the end or will you just randomly sample the data files until you find the one you are looking for? Maybe you should index those files.

This is what happens in an Indexed Sequential Access Method File, ISAM for short. You create a data file, as well as an

index for it. If you need Jane Doe's address, you ask the computer to check the index for Jane Doe, get the associated record number and then the record. This is similar to the technique used to access a random file. Rather than use a hit and miss search, you give the computer a number which is either the record number for Jane Doe's file or a number somehow related to the record number. But people use computers so they will not have to keep track of numbers. It is easy to remember someone's name, but difficult to recall a number associated with it. You can look up the number on a printout, but if you do that, you might as well check a complete printout.

### Commercial ISAM's

You can add ISAM to your programs in several ways. You can utilize someone else's ISAM routines. Johnson Associates and Racet Computes, for instance, offer a complete set of routines which you call up when you want to perform any file manipulation such as add records, delete records or search the file. Also, ISAM routines are built into Radio Shack's Compiler Basic and Cobol. These approaches have their advantages, but they have their disadvantages as well. You have to pay for them. Then, if you sell a program which uses these routines, you must pay a user's fee.

The second problem, which is more severe for Compiler Basic

```
1 'ADD ISAM RECORDS
10 CLEAR 1000: I=0
20 DIM N2$(50),N2(50)
30 OPEN "I",1,"INDEX"
40 I=I+1
60 INPUT#1, N2$(I), N2(I)
70 PRINT N2(I), N2$(I)
75 IF N2$(I)="EOF" THEN 90
80 GOTO 40
90 CLOSE
100 OPEN "R",1,"TEST"
110 FIELD 1, 10 AS N$, 245 AS D$
120 K=I-2
130 K=K+1
140 INPUT "WORD (UP TO 10 LETTERS)"; N1$
150 IF N1$="" THEN 220
160 INPUT "DEFINITION (UP TO 245 CHARECTERS)"; D1$
170 LSET D$=D1$
180 LSET N$=N1$
190 PUT 1,K
200 N2$(K)=N1$: N2(K)=K
210 GOTO 130
220 CLOSE
230 OPEN("O",1,"INDEX"
240 FOR I= 1 TO K
250 PRINT#1, N2$(I),";",N2(I)
260 NEXT I
265 PRINT#1,"EOF";";",999
270 CLOSE
280 RUN "ISAM"
```

Program Listing 2

```
1 'ISAM MENU
10 CLS
20 PRINT:PRINT "
      <1> ADD RECORDS
      <2> GET A RECORD
      <3> DELETE A RECORD
      <4> CREATE A FILE"
30 PRINT: INPUT "WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE";M1: IF M1<1 OR M1>4 THEN
PRINT "NOT A GOOD CHOICE.":GOTO 30
40 ON M1 GOTO 60,70,80,90
60 RUN "ISAMADD"
70 RUN "ISAMRD"
80 RUN "ISAMDLT"
90 RUN "ISAMCPS"
```

Program Listing 1. ISAM menu

```
1 'RECOVER ISAM RECORD
10 CLEAR 1000: I=0
20 DIM N2$(50),N2(50)
30 OPEN "I",1,"INDEX"
40 I=I+1
60 INPUT#1, N2$(I), N2(I)
70 PRINT N2(I), N2$(I)
75 IF N2$(I)="EOF" THEN 90
80 GOTO 40
90 CLOSE
100 OPEN "R",1,"TEST"
110 FIELD 1, 10 AS N$, 245 AS D$
120 INPUT "WHAT'S YOUR WORD (UP TO 10 CHARACTERS)";N1$
130 IF N1$="" THEN CLOSE: RUN "ISAM"
140 FOR J=1 TO I
150 IF N2$(J)=N1$ THEN K=N2(J): GET 1,K: PRINT D$: GOTO 120
160 NEXT J
170 PRINT "SORRY, THAT WORD'S NOT ON FILE": GOTO 120
```

Program Listing 3

and Cobol than with the Johnson or Racet routines, is that you have to learn how to use them. If you use a set of routines you do not understand, then you increase your chances of getting into a you-can't-get-there-from-here situation. This is especially true if you use a DOS other than the one Tandy supplies. For instance, try running Radio Shack Cobol under DOS 3.3 from MSS. It hasn't worked for me, which is frustrating because I would like to run 80-track double-sided disks with Cobol.

#### Build Your Own

The following programs will give you a foundation upon which to build your own ISAM routines. In my example, I use the routines to set up a dictionary. You can easily modify them to function as a mailing list program or as a simple inventory, and with some thought they will work for more complex, multi-key applications.

The only time you need to handle an ISAM file differently from a random file is when you add records, call up individual records or delete records. Before you can do any of these things, you must have a data file and in our case, an index file. Since my routines use a sequential file for index, you must first set it up. The following routine does the job.

```
10 OPEN "0",1,"INDEX"
20 CLOSE
```

After you enter this and type Run an index with zero entries will be created on drive 0. This is

as it should be, since your data file is currently empty.

Once you have created the index file, you are ready for Program Listing 2, the Add Entries routine. Lines 30-90 read the index into the computer. When you run it the first time, nothing is in the computer. However, on any subsequent program runs, the index will contain data.

Lines 100-210 are the data entry and write data to disk routines. Line 200 updates the index array consisting of N2\$( ) as the name (the key) and N2( ) as the associated record number. Variable K is set to the value of the last record in the index plus one. This assures that you will not overwrite any existing records.

Lines 220-270 write the index to disk. By using a sequential file for storage, you can store the index in a minimum of disk space. Since, in this application, we must read the entire index sequentially, there is no advantage to using a random access file.

When you run this program, you will be prompted to enter a word and a definition. To exit the routine, type an @.

Program Listing 3, which is even shorter than Listing 2, accesses the ISAM file. Lines 10-110 are identical in form and function to lines 10-110 in Listing 1. At line 120, the computer prompts you to enter the word in question. It then compares your word against the index. When the computer finds your word (line 150), it uses the associated record number stored at N2(J) to call up the word's definition. If

```
1 'DELETE ISAM RECORD
10 CLEAR 1000: I=0
20 DIM N2$(50),N2(50)
30 OPEN "I",1,"INDEX"
40 I=I+1
60 INPUT#1, N2$(I), N2(I)
70 PRINT N2(I), N2$(I)
75 N2$(I)="EOF" THEN 90
80 GOTO 40
90 CLOSE
100 OPEN "R",1,"TEST"
110 FIELD 1, 10 AS N$, 245 AS D$
120 INPUT "WHAT WORD DO YOU WANT TO DELETE";N1$
130 IF N1$="" THEN 180
140 FOR J=1 TO I
150 IF N2$(J)=N1$ THEN K=N2(J): N2$(J)="":LSET N$="*****":
LSET D$="":PUT 1,K: GOTO 120
160 NEXT J
170 PRINT "SORRY, THAT WORD'S NOT ON FILE": GOTO 120
180 CLOSE: OPEN "O",1,"INDEX"
190 FOR J=1 TO I
200 PRINT#1, N2$(J),"",N2(J)
210 NEXT J
220 CLOSE: RUN "ISAMCPS"
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Program Listing 4

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the word is not in the file, the computer tells you this (line 170), then returns to line 120 to let you input another word. To exit the program enter an @.

You can add a routine to print each file you look up. Since the file on the disk is random, printing the whole file is simply a matter of getting each record successively and printing it.

You could use a similar technique to delete records from an ISAM file as you would use with a random file. To fully use your disk space, you should remove the holes left by deleted records. The ability to do this is a major advantage of ISAM.

Consider this situation. In a random file, if the first of 10 records goes into record number 3000, the computer will respond with a disk full error. The computer thinks if you have a record number 3000, you must have 2999 other records it must store. If each record fills 255 bytes, the file would require roughly 765,000 bytes.

ISAM eliminates this problem by tacking new records onto the end of the existing file. This add-to-the-end feature also makes it difficult to find an empty slot. Rather than look for empty slots, run Program Listings 4 and 5. Listing 4 deletes a record by marking it. The program marks the record by replacing the word in the data file with asterisks and the word in the index

with a single asterisk (this saves space). Now if you delete the record, the slot will still be filled with asterisks. When you run Listing 5, you create a new index by reading the data file sequentially. In the process you also eliminate all the marked records or the records which contain only blanks.

Listing 5 first reads a record. If it is a good record (that is, it does not contain asterisks, spaces or zeros), the program takes the word (key) and the next available record number and puts this information into

the index array. Then, using this newly stored record number, it writes the record back to disk. If it finds an empty record, it does not increment the index counter; instead, it gets the next record. If the next record is good, the program writes it over the last empty record and transfers the word and its updated record number to the index. This procedure continues until the entire data file has been processed and removes all the holes in the ISAM file. This routine also lets you reconstruct a bad index if such an event occurs.

These programs are suitable for a file structure which uses only one key. You can improve the programs by adding more keys. Simply increase the number of columns in the index array.

You can also speed up the programs. For instance, even though this routine can find any one of 1000 entries in no more than seven seconds, you can increase its speed by sorting the data, and then using a bisection table lookup search technique. It is like using a phone book. You open the book to the middle. Is the name before or after? You throw the invalid half out, then split the remaining half in half. You repeat this until you find the name you are looking for. Using this split-in-the-middle technique you can sift through a 10,000 item list in only fourteen comparisons. You will hardly notice the delay.

You can also use a split index. This is useful if your index exceeds available RAM. In my dictionary routine I could put half my files on drive 1 and the other half on drive 2. When I want to look up a word, the computer can tell by the word's first letter if it needs to load the index for words before M or the one for after. This slows the search process, but it allows you to index a large amount of information. You can have as many indices as you have room for. ■

```

1 'INITIATE OR COMPRESS ISAM FILE
10 CLEAR 1000: I=0:R=1
20 DIM N2$(50),N2(50)
30 OPEN "R",1,"TEST"
40 FIELD 1,10 AS N$,245 AS D$
50 FOR I=1 TO LOF(1):PRINT I,
70 GET 1,I
80 PRINT N$,
90 IF N$="*****" THEN GOTO 280
100 IF N$="0" THEN 280
110 IF ASC(N$)=0 THEN 280
120 IF N$=" " THEN 280
130 FOR V=1 TO LEN(N$)
140 IF MID$(N$,V,2)=" " THEN N2$(R)=LEFT$(N$,V-1):GOTO 160 ELSE IF V>9 THEN N2$(R)=N$:GOTO 160
150 NEXT V
160 N2(R)=R
170 LSET N$=N2$(R)
180 PRINT R
190 PUT 1,R
200 R=R+1
205 NEXT I:CLOSE
210 OPEN "O",1,"INDEX"
215 CLS
220 FOR I=1 TO R-1
230 PRINT N2$(I),N2(I)
240 PRINT#1,N2$(I);",";N2(I)
250 NEXT I
255 PRINT#1,"EOF";",";999
260 CLOSE
265 OPEN "R",1,"TEST":FIELD 1,10 AS N$,245 AS D$
270 FOR I=R TO LOF(1):LSET N$="":LSET D$="":PUT 1,I:NEXT I
275 RUN "ISAM"
280 'ROUTINE TO BLANK A RECORD
290 LSET N$="":LSET D$="":PUT 1,I:GOTO 205

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Program Listing 5

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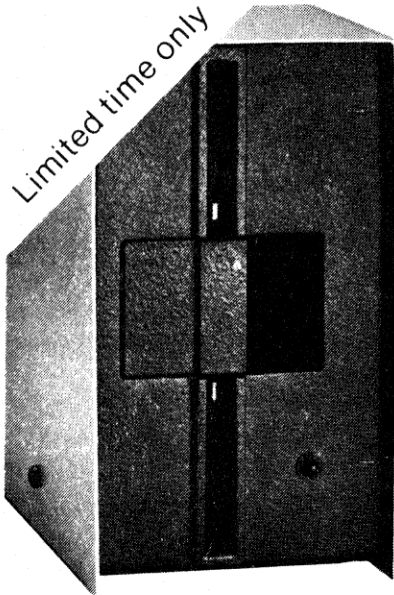
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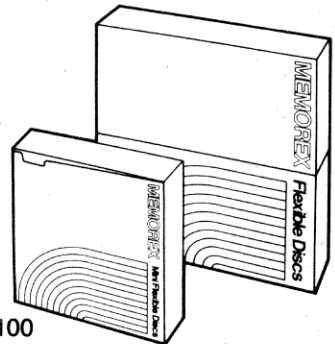
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IC you put in location U16. In either case also add a jumper on the board between E5 and K to provide a logic high signal for the



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110	00H	00
150	20H	32
300	40H	64
600	60H	96
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2400	0A0H	160
4800	0C0H	192
9600	0E0H	224

Table 1

necting to socket U28 on the LNW and for connecting to the baud rate locations on the LNW. Figure 1 shows the connections I made. Any other wiring scheme that connects the same points will do as well.

The 74LS151 IC is an eight-input multiplexer that passes one of the eight inputs through to the output. The signals applied to the selection inputs determine the input: when all three selection inputs are low (logic zero) input zero is passed through to the output; when all selection inputs are high (logic one) input seven is passed through to the output; and, for other values of selection inputs other inputs are passed through to the output.

The 74LS175 IC is a four-bit register that stores the value of data bits 5-7 whenever signal OUT E9H occurs. The stored values of these bits connect to the selection inputs of the multiplexer and thus the state of data bits 5-7 at the time of the OUT

E9H signal control which input of the multiplexer is passed through to the output. This selection remains in effect until the next occurrence of OUT E9H.

#### The Modification

With the circuit wired as shown in Fig. 1 and installed in the LNW you can select the baud rate by outputting a byte to I/O port E9H according to Table 1. In Z80 language use OUT (0E9H),X where X is the desired rate from the table. In Basic use OUT 233,Y where Y is the desired rate from the table.

You can select the UART parameters by outputting a byte to I/O port EAH according to Table 2. First reset the UART by outputting anything to I/O port 0E8H. Then output bit two plus the value from Table 2 to I/O port OEAH. (Bit two enables output from the serial interface.) In Z80 language use OUT (OEAH),Z where Z is the desired value from the table. In Basic use OUT 234,W where W is the desired

Parameter	Choice	Z	W
Parity:	none	8H	8
	odd	0	0
	even	80H	128
# Bits:	5	0H	0
	6	40H	64
	7	20H	32
	8	60H	96
# Stop Bits:	1	0H	0
	2	10H	16

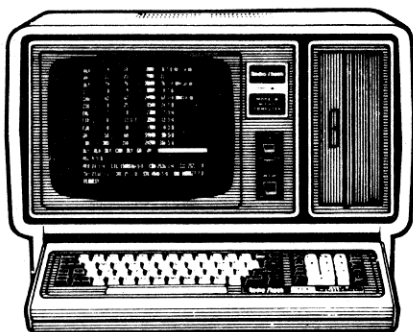
Table 2

control circuit. This change makes available at socket U28 data bits 3-7 and an output pulse you will use to strobe them to a baud rate control circuit. (You will also obtain +5 volts and ground from this socket to drive the control circuit.)

The remaining logic required for the baud rate selection consists of a flip-flop register to store the selection value and an eight-input multiplexer to steer the selected rate to the UART. I used an experimenter's PC board to hold the circuit. Four sockets soldered to the board provide for the two ICs needed and for con-

value from the table. Pick one of the three choices for parity, one of the four choices for number of bits, one of the two choices for number of stop bits and add the three Z or W values from the table to get the final value of Z or W for use in the output instruction. For example: even parity/8 bits/1 stop bit  $Z = 80H + 60H + 0H + 4H = E4H$  ( $W = 128 + 96 + 0 + 4 = 228$ ).

The above instructions are all you need to use the programmable baud rate modification. However, you can add a little class to your terminal program



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BAUD = 300 # BITS = 8 #STOP = 1 PARITY = NONE

Figure 2

by using an RS-232 initialization program such as the one described below.

### Initialization Subroutine

The initialization program in

Program Listing 1 is written as a subroutine you can call from the beginning of your terminal program. When called it clears the screen and displays the information shown in Fig. 2.

### Program Listing 1

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00100 ;*****
00110 ;
00120 ; SUBROUTINE TO SET RS232 PARAMETERS
00130 ; (LEVEL II, LNW, PROGRAMMABLE BAUD MODIFICATION)
00140 ; WRITTEN BY HUGH COTTLE OCTOBER 1981
00150 ;*****
00160 ; WHEN CALLED THE CURRENT VALUES OF THE PARAMETERS
00170 ; ARE DISPLAYED. USE RIGHT ARROW TO SELECT NEXT
00180 ; PARAMETER; DOWN ARROW TO SELECT NEXT VALUE; PRESS
00190 ; ENTER AFTER ALL SELECTIONS MADE TO INITIALIZE THE
00200 ; RS232 CHANNEL AND EXIT THE SUBROUTINE.
00210 ;
00220 ; ORG 0BB00H ;NEAR TOP OF 32K SYS
BB00 00220 SETSER JP START
BB00 C394BB 00240 ;*****CONSTANTS*****
00250 ;
00260 ; ROM ENTRY POINTS
00270 ;
00280 ;
00290 DSP EQU 33H ;CHAR IN A TO SCREEN
0049 00300 KBD EQU 49H ;CHAR IN KYBD TO A
01C9 00310 CLRSCR EQU 01C9H ;CLEAR SCREEN
00320 ;
00330 ; OTHER CONSTANTS
00340 ;
0009 00350 RARW EQU 09H ;RT ARROW CODE
000A 00360 DARW EQU 0AH ;DN ARROW CODE
000D 00370 ENTER EQU 0DH ;ENTER KEY CODE
0003 00380 TAG EQU 03H ;GRAPHIC CHAR CODE
0020 00390 SPACE EQU 20H ;SPACE CODE
00E9 00400 BOUT EQU 0E9H ;OUT PORT FOR BAUD RATE
00EA 00410 POUT EQU 0EAH ;OUT PORT FOR UART PARA
00E8 00420 MR EQU 0E8H ;OUT PORT TO RESET UART
3C00 00430 VIDEO EQU 3C00H ;START ADDR OF SCRNM MEM
00440 ;
00450 ;*****VARIABLES*****
00460 ;
BB03 00 00470 PARPTR DEFB 0 ;LINK TO CURRENT PARAMETER
TER
BB04 2ABB 00480 PAR1PT DEFW BPAR
BB06 5BBB 00490 PAR2PT DEFW NPAR
BB08 74BB 00500 PAR3PT DEFW SPAR
BB0A 81BB 00510 PAR4PT DEFW PPAR
BB0C 0000 00520 PTSTOR DEFW 0 ;TEMP PTR STORAGE
BB0E 20 00530 BAUD DEFW 'BAUD='
BB15 23 00540 NBITS DEFW '4 BITS='
BB1C 23 00550 SPBITS DEFW '8 STOP='
BB23 50 00560 PARITY DEFW 'PARITY='
00570 ;
00580 ; BAUD RATE TABLE
00590 ; FLAG=0 NOT SELECTED VALUE
00600 ; =1 SELECTED VALUE
00610 ; =0FFH END OF SELECTIONS
BB2A 00 00620 BPAR DEFB 0 ;FLAG
BB2B 31 00630 DEFW '110' ;NAME OF SELECTION
BB2F 00 00640 DEFB 0 ;VALUE OF SELECTION
BB30 00 00650 DEFB 0
BB31 31 00660 DEFW '150'
BB35 20 00670 DEFB 20H ;DEFAULT SELECTION
BB36 01 00680 DEFB 1
BB37 33 00690 DEFW '300'
BB3B 40 00700 DEFW 40H
BB3C 00 00710 DEFB 0
BB3D 36 00720 DEFW '600'
BB41 60 00730 DEFW 60H
BB42 00 00740 DEFB 0
BB43 31 00750 DEFW '1200'
BB47 00 00760 DEFW 80H
BB48 00 00770 DEFB 0
BB49 32 00780 DEFW '2400'
BB4D A0 00790 DEFW 0A0H
BB4E 00 00800 DEFB 0
BB4F 34 00810 DEFW '4800'
BB53 C0 00820 DEFW 0C0H
BB54 00 00830 DEFB 0
BB55 39 00840 DEFW '9600'
BB59 E0 00850 DEFW 0E0H
BB5A FF 00860 DEFW 0FFH ;TABLE END MARKER
00870 ;
00880 ; TABLE OF # BITS PARAMETER
00890 ;
BB5B 00 00900 NPAR DEFB 0
BB5C 35 00910 DEFW '5'
BB60 00 00920 DEFB 0
BB61 00 00930 DEFB 0
BB62 36 00940 DEFW '6'
BB66 40 00950 DEFW 40H
BB67 00 00960 DEFB 0
BB68 37 00970 DEFW '7'
BB6C 20 00980 DEFW 20H
BB6D 01 00990 DEFB 1 ;DEFAULT SELECTION
BB6E 38 01000 DEFW '8'
BB72 60 01010 DEFW 60H
BB73 FF 01020 DEFB 0FFH

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Program continues

Program continued

01030 ;	TABLE OF # STOP BITS PARAMETER	
01040 ;		
01050 ;		
BB74 01	01060 SPAR	DEFB 1 ;DEFAULT SELECTION
BB75 31	01070	DEFB '1'
BB79 00	01080	DEFB 0
BB7A 00	01090	DEFB 0
BB7B 32	01100	DEFB '2'
BB7F 10	01110	DEFB 10H
BB80 FF	01120	DEFB 0FFH
01130 ;	TABLE OF PARITY PARAMETER	
01140 ;		
01150 ;		
BB81 01	01160 PPAR	DEFB 1 ;DEFAULT SELECTION
BB82 4E	01170	DEFB 'NONE'
BB86 00	01180	DEFB 8
BB87 00	01190	DEFB 0
BB88 4F	01200	DEFB 'ODD'
BB8C 00	01210	DEFB 0
BB8D 00	01220	DEFB 0
BB8E 45	01230	DEFB 'EVEN'
BB92 80	01240	DEFB 80H
BB93 FF	01250	DEFB 0FFH
01260 ;	PROGRAM	
01270 ;		
01280 ;		
BB94 CDC901	01290 START	CALL CLRSCR
BB97 010700	01300	LD BC,7
BB9A 210EBB	01310	LD HL,BAUD
BB9D 11003C	01320	LD DE,VIDEO
BB9A EDB0	01330	LDIR
BB9A 010700	01340	LD BC,7 ;DISPLAY BAUD=
BB9A 2115BB	01350	LD HL,NBITS
BB9A 11103C	01360	LD DE,VIDEO+16
BB9A EDB0	01370	LDIR
BB9D 010700	01380	LD BC,7
BB9D 211CBB	01390	LD HL,SPBITS
BB9B 11203C	01400	LD DE,VIDEO+32
BB9B EDB0	01410	LDIR
BB9B 010700	01420	LD BC,7
BB9B 2123BB	01430	LD HL,PARITY
BB9B 11303C	01440	LD DE,VIDEO+48
BB9C EDB0	01450	LDIR
BB9C CD86BC	01460	CALL DSPVAL
BB9C 3E83	01470	LD A,TAG
BB9C CDE3BC	01480	CALL DSPUNL
BB9C CD4900	01490	CALL KBD
BB9C FE09	01500	CP RARW
BB9D CADFB0	01510	JP Z,NSEL
BB9D FE0A	01520	CP DARW
BB9D CAFB5B	01530	JP Z,NVAL
BB9D FE0D	01540	ENTER
BB9D CA2CBC	01550	JP Z,INTRTS
BB9D 18EC	01560	JR KYBINP
BB9D 3E20	01570	LD A,SPACE ;NEXT PARAMETER
BB9E CDE3BC	01580	CALL DSPUNL
BB9E 3A03BB	01590	LD A,(PARPTR)
BB9E 3C	01600	INC A
BB9E E603	01610	AND 3
BB9E 3203BB	01620	LD (PARPTR),A
BB9E 3E83	01630	LD A,TAG
BB9E CDE3BC	01640	CALL DSPUNL
BB9E C3CBBB	01650	JP KYBINP
BB9F 3A03BB	01660	LD A,(PARPTR) ;NEXT VALUE
BB9F E603	01670	AND 3
BB9F 07	01680	RLCA
BB9F 2104BB	01690	LD HL,PARPTR+1
BB9F 1600	01700	D,0
BC00 5F	01710	E,A
BC01 19	01720	ADD HL,DE
BC02 5E	01730	E,(HL)
BC03 23	01740	INC HL
BC04 56	01750	D,(HL)
BC05 EB	01760	EX DE,HL
BC06 220CBB	01770	LD (PTSTOR),HL
BC09 7E	01780	LD A,(HL)
BC0A FE01	01790	CP 1
BC0C 2806	01800	JR Z,NVLP1
BC0E 110600	01810	LD DE,6
BC11 19	01820	ADD HL,DE
BC12 18F5	01830	JR NVLP
BC14 AF	01840	XOR A
BC15 77	01850	LD (HL),A
BC16 1600	01860	D,0
BC18 1E06	01870	E,6
BC1A 19	01880	ADD HL,DE
BC1B 7E	01890	LD A,(HL)
BC1C FEFF	01900	CP 0FFH
BC1E 2003	01910	JR NZ,NVLP2
BC20 2A0CBB	01920	LD HL,(PTSTOR)
BC23 3E01	01930	LD A,1
BC25 77	01940	LD (HL),A
BC26 CD86BC	01950	CALL DSPVAL
BC29 C3CBBB	01960	JP KYBINP
BC2C D3E8	01970	OUT (MR),A ;RESET UART
BC2E 212ABB	01980	LD HL,BPAR
BC31 7E	01990	LD A,(HL)
BC32 FE00	02000	CP 0
BC34 2006	02010	JR NZ,IBRLP2
BC36 110600	02020	LD DE,6
BC39 19	02030	ADD HL,DE
BC3A 18F5	02040	JR IBRLP1
BC3C 110500	02050	LD DE,5
BC3F 19	02060	ADD HL,DE
BC40 7E	02070	LD A,(HL)
BC41 D3E9	02080	OUT (BOUT),A ;SET BAUD RATE
BC43 0E05	02090	LD C,5 ;BIT 2=1 TO EN RS232 OU
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BC45 215BBB	02100	LD HL,NPAR
BC48 7E	02110	LD A,(HL)
BC49 FE00	02120	CP 0
BC4B 2006	02130	JR NZ,IUPLP2
BC4D 110600	02140	LD DE,6
BC50 19	02150	ADD HL,DE
BC51 18F5	02160	JR IUPLP1
BC53 110500	02170	LD DE,5
BC56 19	02180	ADD HL,DE
BC57 7E	02190	LD A,(HL)
BC58 B1	02200	OR C
BC59 4F	02210	LD C,A
BC5A 2174BB	02220	LD HL,SPAR
BC5D 7E	02230	LD A,(HL)
BC5E FE00	02240	CP 0
BC60 2006	02250	JR NZ,IUPLP4
BC62 110600	02260	LD DE,6
BC65 19	02270	ADD HL,DE
BC66 18F5	02280	JR IUPLP3
BC68 110500	02290	LD DE,5
BC6B 19	02300	ADD HL,DE
BC6C 7E	02310	LD A,(HL)
BC6D B1	02320	OR C
BC6E 4F	02330	LD C,A

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BC72 7E 02350 IUPLP5 LD A,(HL)
BC73 F800 02360 CP 0
BC75 2806 02370 JR NZ,IUPLP6
BC77 110600 02380 LD DE,6
BC7A 19 02390 ADD HL,DE
BC7B 18F5 02400 JR IUPLP5
BC7D 110500 02410 IUPLP6 LD DE,5
BC80 19 02420 ADD HL,DE
BC81 7E 02430 LD A,(HL)
BC82 B1 02440 OR C
BC83 D3EA 02450 OUT (POUT),A
BC85 C9 02460 RET

02470 ;
02480 ; SUBROUTINES
02490 ;

BC86 110600 02500 DSPVAL LD DE,6
BC89 212ABB 02510 LD HL,BPAR
BC8C 7E 02520 BLP1 LD A,(HL)
BC8D F801 02530 CP 1
BC8F 2803 02540 JR Z,BLP2
BC91 19 02550 ADD HL,DE
BC92 18F8 02560 JR BLP1
BC94 23 02570 BLP2 INC HL
BC95 010400 02580 LD BC,4
BC98 11073C 02590 LD DE,VIDEO+7
BC9B EDB0 02600 LDIR ;DISPLAY BAUD
BC9D 110600 02610 LD DE,6
BCA8 215BBB 02620 LD HL,NPAR
BCA3 7E 02630 NLP1 LD A,(HL)
BCA4 F801 02640 CP 1
BCA6 2803 02650 JR Z,NLP2
BCA8 19 02660 ADD HL,DE
BCA9 18F8 02670 JR NLP1
BCAB 23 02680 NLP2 INC HL
BCAC 010400 02690 LD BC,4
BCAF 11173C 02700 LD DE,VIDEO+23
BCB2 EDB0 02710 LDIR ;DISPLAY #BITS
BCB4 110600 02720 LD DE,6
BCB7 2174BB 02730 LD HL,SPAR
BCBA 7E 02740 SLP1 LD A,(HL)
BCBB F801 02750 CP 1
BCBD 2803 02760 JR Z,SLP2
BCBE 18F8 02770 ADD HL,DE
BCBF 2803 02780 JR SLP1
BCC2 23 02790 SLP2 INC HL
BCC3 010400 02800 LD BC,4
BCC6 11273C 02810 LD DE,VIDEO+39
BCC9 EDB0 02820 LDIR ;DISPLAY #STOP BITS
BCCB 110600 02830 LD DE,6
BCCF 2181BB 02840 LD HL,PPAR
BCD1 7E 02850 PLP1 LD A,(HL)
BCD2 F801 02860 CP 1
BCD4 2803 02870 JR Z,PLP2
BCD6 19 02880 ADD HL,DE
BCD7 18F8 02890 JR PLP1
BCD9 23 02900 PLP2 INC HL
BCDA 010400 02910 LD BC,4
BCDD 11373C 02920 LD DE,VIDEO+55
BCE8 EDB0 02930 LDIR ;DISPLAY PARITY
BCE2 C9 02940 RET

02950 ;
02960 ;
BCE3 4F 02970 DSPUNL LD C,A
BCE4 3A03BB 02980 LD A,(PARPTR)
BCE7 E603 02990 AND 3
BCE9 07 03000 RLCA
BCEA 07 03010 RLCA
BCEB 07 03020 RLCA
BCEC 07 03030 RLCA
BCED 21403C 03040 LD HL,VIDEO+64
BCF0 1600 03050 LD D,0
BCF2 5F 03060 LD E,A
BCF3 19 03070 ADD HL,DE
BCF4 0606 03080 LD B,6
BCF6 79 03090 LD A,C
BCF7 77 03100 UNLLP1 LD HL,(HL),A
BCF8 23 03110 INC HL
BCF9 18FC 03120 DJNZ UNLLP1
BCFB C9 03130 RET
BB00 03140 END SETSER
00000 TOTAL ERRORS

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Pressing the right-arrow key deletes the bar under baud and displays a similar bar under # bits. Pressing the key again shifts the bar to the right again and after four presses the bar will be back to baud. Thus the right-arrow key selects one of the four parameters you can set for the RS-232 channel. Similarly, pressing the down-arrow key displays successive values of the selected parameter. With the bar at Baud, one press of the down-arrow key replaces the 300 by the next consecutive value, 600. Continued presses of the key will cycle through all of the allowed values for baud and begin over again. If you move the bar to one of the other parameters by pressing the right-arrow key, then the

down-arrow key will cycle through the allowed values of this parameter. When you have selected all of the desired values using the right and down-arrow keys press Enter to initialize the RS-232 channel to these values and exit the subroutine. If you want to use the initial values displayed simply press Enter to initialize and exit the subroutine.

The default values of the parameters in the subroutine are 300 baud, eight bits, one stop bit, and no parity. To change these values to the values you normally use, change the tables in the program. Each entry in the parameter tables consists of six bytes: the first byte is a flag indicating if this value has been





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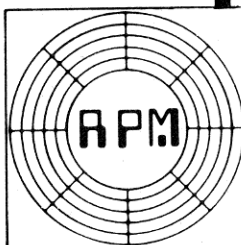
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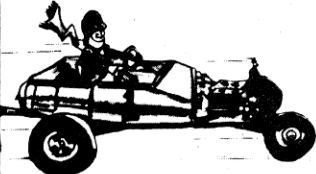
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As an example, let's say you normally use a baud of 9600. When you assemble the program, set the flag byte for 300 baud to zero (line 680). Then set the flag byte for 9600 baud to one (line 830). Now when you call the program it will display 9600 instead of 300 for baud and when you press Enter this value will be set for the RS-232 channel. The other tables in the program are arranged similarly and you can change their default values according to your normal operation also.

### Subroutine Description

The subroutine starts (line 1290) by displaying the titles and the default values and then goes into a keyboard input loop looking for right-arrow, down-arrow, or Enter characters. Any other input character is ignored. Input of a right-arrow character shifts the underline bar to the next parameter and stores the new parameter selected as a value

between zero and three in the variable PARPTR. Control then returns to the keyboard input loop.

Input of a down-arrow character changes the flag byte of the currently selected value of the currently selected parameter from one to zero and changes the flag byte of the next successive value from zero to one. Also, the new "name" of the value is displayed on the screen in place of the old "name." Control then returns to the keyboard input loop.

Input of an Enter character transmits the current values of all parameters to the RS-232 channel. Program lines 1970-2450 accomplish this and line 2460 exits the subroutine. Lines 2470-3130 are subroutines used by the program.

### Model III Version

Model III owners can have a similar subroutine for initializing the built-in RS-232 channel. In the Model III some ROM routines are available to help. The program given in Program Listing 2 provides the same operator interface and uses the Model III ROM routines where applicable. ■

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### Program Listing 2

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00100 ; *****
00110 ;
00120 ; SUBROUTINE TO SET RS232 PARAMETERS
00130 ; (MODEL III)
00140 ; WRITTEN BY HUGH COTTLE OCTOBER 1981
00150 ; *****
00160 ; WHEN CALLED THE CURRENT VALUES OF THE PARAMETERS
00170 ; ARE DISPLAYED. USE RIGHT ARROW TO SELECT NEXT
00180 ; PARAMETER; DOWN ARROW TO SELECT NEXT VALUE; PRESS
00190 ; ENTER AFTER ALL SELECTIONS MADE TO INITIALIZE THE
00200 ; RS232 CHANNEL AND EXIT THE SUBROUTINE.
00210 ;
00220 ; ORG 0BB00H ; NEAR TOP OF 32K SYS
BB00 C394BB 00230 SETSER JP START
00240 ;
00250 ; *****CONSTANTS*****
00260 ;
00270 ; ROM ENTRY POINTS
00280 ;
00290 DSP EQU 33H ; CHAR IN A TO SCREEN
00300 KBD EQU 49H ; CHAR IN KYBD TO A
00310 CLRSR EQU 01C9H ; CLEAR SCREEN
00320 ;
00330 ; OTHER CONSTANTS
00340 ;
00350 RARW EQU 09H ; RT ARROW CODE
00360 DARW EQU 0AH ; DN ARROW CODE
00370 ENTER EQU 0DH ; ENTER KEY CODE
00380 TAG EQU 83H ; GRAPHIC CHAR CODE
00390 SPACE EQU 20H ; SPACE CODE
00400 BOUT EQU 0E9H ; OUT PORT FOR BAUD RATE
00410 POUT EQU 0EAH ; OUT PORT UART PARAMETE
00420 MR EQU 0E8H ; OUT PORT TO RESET UART
00430 VIDEO EQU 3C00H ; START ADDR OF SCRNM MEM
00440 ;
00450 ; *****VARIABLES*****
00460 ;
00470 PARPTR DEFB 0 ; LINK TO ACTIVE PARAMET
BB03 00
BB04 2ABB 00480 PAR1PT DEFW BPAP
BB06 5BBB 00490 PAR2PT DEFW NPAP
BB08 74BB 00500 PAR3PT DEFW SPAP
BB0A 81BB 00510 PAR4PT DEFW PPAP

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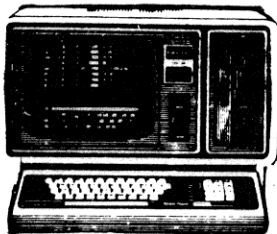
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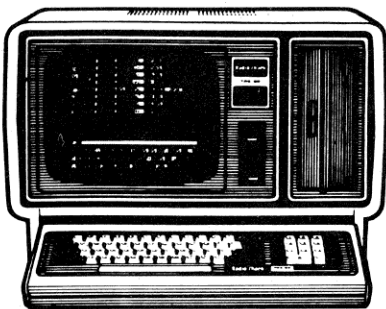
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BB0C 0000 00520 PTSTOR DEFN 0 ;TEMP PTR STORAGE
BB0E 20 00530 BAUD DEFN 'BAUD='
BB15 23 00540 NBITS DEFN 'BITS='
BB1C 23 00550 SPBITS DEFN 'STOP='
BB23 50 00560 PARITY DEFN 'PARITY='

00570 ;
00580 ; BAUD RATE TABLE
00590 ; FLAG=0 NOT SELECTED VALUE
00600 ; =1 SELECTED VALUE
00610 ; =0FFH END OF SELECTIONS

BB2A 00 00620 BPAR DEFN 0 ;FLAG
BB2B 31 00630 DEFN '110 ' ;NAME OF SELECTION
BB2F 22 00640 DEFN 22H ;VALUE OF SELECTION
BB30 00 00650 DEFN 0
BB31 31 00660 DEFN '150 '
BB35 44 00670 DEFN 44H ;DEFAULT SELECTION
BB36 01 00680 DEFN 1
BB37 33 00690 DEFN '300 '
BB3B 55 00700 DEFN 55H
BB3C 00 00710 DEFN 0
BB3D 36 00720 DEFN '600 '
BB41 66 00730 DEFN 66H
BB42 00 00740 DEFN 0
BB43 31 00750 DEFN '1200'
BB47 77 00760 DEFN 77H
BB48 00 00770 DEFN 0
BB49 32 00780 DEFN '2400'
BB4D AA 00790 DEFN 0AAH
BB4E 00 00800 DEFN 0
BB4F 34 00810 DEFN '4800'
BB53 CC 00820 DEFN 0CCH
BB54 00 00830 DEFN 0
BB55 39 00840 DEFN '9600'
BB59 EE 00850 DEFN 0EEH
BB5A FF 00860 DEFN 0FFH ;TABLE END MARKER

00870 ;
00880 ; TABLE OF # BITS PARAMETER
00890 ;
00900 ; NPAR DEFN 0
BB5B 00 00910 DEFN '5 '
BB5C 35 00920 DEFN 0
BB60 00 00930 DEFN 0
BB61 00 00940 DEFN '6 '
BB62 36 00950 DEFN 40H
BB66 40 00960 DEFN 0
BB67 00 00970 DEFN '7 '
BB68 37 00980 DEFN 20H
BB6C 20 00990 DEFN 1 ;DEFAULT SELECTION
BB6D 01 01000 DEFN '8 '
BB6E 38 01010 DEFN 60H
BB72 60 01020 DEFN 0FFH
BB73 FF 01030 ;
01040 ; TABLE OF # STOP BITS PARAMETER
01050 ;
01060 ; SPAR DEFN 1 ;DEFAULT SELECTION
BB74 01 01070 DEFN '1 '
BB75 31 01080 DEFN 0
BB79 00 01090 DEFN 0
BB7A 00 01100 DEFN '2 '
BB7B 32 01110 DEFN 10H
BB7F 10 01120 DEFN 0FFH
BB80 FF 01130 ;
01140 ; TABLE OF PARITY PARAMETER
01150 ;
01160 ; PPAR DEFN 1 ;DEFAULT SELECTION
BB81 01 01170 DEFN 'NONE'
BB82 4E 01180 DEFN 8
BB86 00 01190 DEFN 0
BB87 00 01200 DEFN 'ODD '
BB88 4F 01210 DEFN 0
BB8C 00 01220 DEFN 0
BB8D 00 01230 DEFN 'EVEN'
BB8E 45 01240 DEFN 80H
BB92 80 01250 DEFN 0FFH
BB93 FF 01260 ;
01270 ; PROGRAM
01280 ;
BB94 CDC901 01290 START CALL CLRSCR
BB97 010700 01300 LD BC,7
BB9A 2108BB 01310 LD HL,BAUD
BB9D 11003C 01320 LD DE,VIDEO ;DISPLAY BAUD=
BBA0 EDB0 01330 LDIR
BBA2 010700 01340 LD BC,7
BBA5 2115BB 01350 LD HL,NBITS
BBA8 11103C 01360 LD DE,VIDEO+16
BBAB EDB0 01370 LDIR
BBAD 010700 01380 LD BC,7
BBB0 211CBB 01390 LD HL,SPBITS
BBB3 11203C 01400 LD DE,VIDEO+32
BBB6 EDB0 01410 LDIR
BBB8 010700 01420 LD BC,7
BBBB 2123BB 01430 LD HL,PARITY
BBBE 11303C 01440 LD DE,VIDEO+48
BBC1 EDB0 01450 LDIR
BBC3 CD8DBC 01460 CALL DSPVAL
BBC5 3E83 01470 LD A,TAG
BBC8 CDEABC 01480 CALL DSPUNL
BBCB CD4900 01490 KYBINP CALL KBD
BBCE FE09 01500 CP RARW
BBD0 CADFBB 01510 JP Z,NSEL
BBD3 FE0A 01520 CP DARW
BBD5 CAF5BB 01530 JP Z,NVAL
BBD8 FE0D 01540 CP ENTER
BBD9 CA2CBC 01550 JP Z,INITRS
BBD0 18EC 01560 JR KYBINP
BBD1 3E20 01570 NSEL LD A,SPACE ;NEXT PARAMETER
BBE1 CDEABC 01580 CALL DSPUNL
BBE4 3A03BB 01590 LD A,(PARPTR)
BBE7 3C 01600 INC A
BBE8 E603 01610 AND 3
BBEA 3203BB 01620 LD (PARPTR),A
BBED 3E83 01630 LD A,TAG
BBEF CDEABC 01640 CALL DSPUNL
BBF2 C3CBBB 01650 JP KYBINP
BBF5 3A03BB 01660 NVAL LD A,(PARPTR) ;NEXT VALUE
BBF8 E603 01670 AND 3
BBFA 07 01680 RLCA
BBFB 2104BB 01690 LD HL,PARPTR+1
BBFE 1600 01700 LD D,0
BC00 5F 01710 LD E,A
BC01 19 01720 ADD HL,DE
BC02 5E 01730 LD E,(HL)
BC03 23 01740 INC HL
BC04 56 01750 LD D,(HL)
BC05 EB 01760 EX DE,HL
BC06 220CBB 01770 LD (PTSTOR),HL
BC09 7E 01780 NVLP LD A,(HL)
BC0A FE01 01790 CP 1
BC0C 2806 01800 JR Z,NVLP1
BC0E 110600 01810 LD DE,6
BC11 19 01820 ADD HL,DE
BC12 1BF5 01830 JR NVLP
BC14 AF 01840 NVLP1 XOR A

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BC15 77      01850    LD      (HL),A
BC16 1600    01860    LD      D,0
BC18 1E06    01870    LD      E,6
BC1A 19      01880    ADD     HL,DE
BC1B 7E      01890    LD      A,(HL)
BC1C FFFF    01900    CP      0FFF
BC1E 2003    01910    JR      NZ,NVLP2
BC20 2A0CBB  01920    LD      HL,(PTSTOR)
BC23 3E01    01930    NVLP2   LD      A,1
BC25 77      01940    LD      (HL),A
BC26 CD8DBC  01950    CALL   DSPVAL
BC29 C3CBBB  01960    JP      KYBINP
BC2C 212ABB  01980    LD      HL,BPAR
BC2F 7E      01990    LD      A,(HL)
BC30 FE00    02000    CP      0
BC32 2006    02010    JR      NZ,IBRLP2
BC34 110600  02020    LD      DE,6
BC37 19      02030    ADD     HL,DE
BC38 18F5    02040    JR      IBRLP1
BC3A 110500  02050    LD      DE,5
BC3D 19      02060    ADD     HL,DE
BC3E 7E      02070    LD      A,(HL)
BC3F 32F841  02080    LD      (16888),A
BC42 0E05    02090    LD      C,5
;SET BAUD RATE
;BIT 2=1 TO EN RS232 OUT

BC44 215BBB  02100    LD      HL,NPAR
BC47 7E      02110    LD      A,(HL)
BC4A 2006    02120    CP      0
BC4C 110600  02130    JR      NZ,IUPLP2
BC4F 19      02140    LD      DE,5
BC50 18F5    02150    ADD     HL,DE
BC52 110500  02160    JR      IUPLP1
BC55 19      02170    LD      DE,5
BC56 7E      02180    ADD     HL,DE
BC57 B1      02190    LD      A,(HL)
BC58 4F      02200    OR      C
BC59 2174BB  02210    LD      C,A
BC5C 7E      02220    LD      HL,SPAR
BC5D FE00    02230    LD      A,(HL)
BC5F 2006    02240    CP      0
BC61 110600  02250    JR      NZ,IUPLP4
BC64 19      02260    LD      DE,6
BC65 18F5    02270    ADD     HL,DE
BC67 110500  02280    JR      IUPLP3
BC6A 19      02290    LD      DE,5
BC6B 7E      02300    ADD     HL,DE
BC6C B1      02310    LD      A,(HL)
BC6D 4F      02320    OR      C
BC6E 2181BB  02330    LD      C,A
BC71 7E      02340    LD      HL,PPAR
BC72 FE00    02350    LD      A,(HL)
BC74 2006    02360    CP      0
BC76 110600  02370    JR      NZ,IUPLP6
BC79 19      02380    LD      DE,6
BC7A 18F5    02390    ADD     HL,DE
BC7C 110500  02400    JR      IUPLP5
BC7F 19      02410    LD      DE,5
BC80 7E      02420    ADD     HL,DE
BC81 B1      02430    LD      A,(HL)
BC82 32F941  02440    LD      C,(16889),A
BC85 AF      02451    XOR     A
BC86 32FA41  02452    LD      (16890),A
BC89 CD5A00  02453    CALL   005AH
BC8C C9      02460    RET
;MOD III RSINIT SR
;EXIT PROGRAM

02470 ;
02480 ; SUBROUTINES
02490 ;
BC8D 110600  02500    DSPVAL LD      DE,6
BC90 212ABB  02510    LD      HL,BPAR
BC93 7E      02520    LD      A,(HL)
BC94 FE01    02530    CP      1
BC96 2803    02540    JR      Z,BLP2
BC98 19      02550    ADD     HL,DE
BC99 18F8    02560    LD      BLP1
BC9B 23      02570    INC     HL
BC9C 010400  02580    LD      BC,4
BC9F 11073C  02590    LD      DE,VIDEO+7
BCA2 EDB0    02600    LDIR
BCA4 110600  02610    LD      DE,6
BCA7 215BBB  02620    LD      HL,NPAR
BCAA 7E      02630    LD      A,(HL)
BCAB FE01    02640    CP      1
BCAD 2803    02650    JR      Z,NLP2
BCAF 19      02660    ADD     HL,DE
BCB0 18F8    02670    JR      NLP1
BCB2 23      02680    INC     HL
BCB3 010400  02690    LD      BC,4
BCB6 11173C  02700    LD      DE,VIDEO+23
BCB9 EDB0    02710    LDIR
BCBB 110600  02720    LD      DE,6
BCBE 2174BB  02730    LD      HL,BPAR
BCB1 7E      02740    LD      A,(HL)
BCB2 FE01    02750    CP      1
BCB4 2803    02760    JR      Z,SLP2
BCB6 19      02770    ADD     HL,DE
BCB7 18F8    02780    JR      SLP1
BCB9 23      02790    INC     HL
BCBA 010400  02800    LD      BC,4
BCBD 11273C  02810    LD      DE,VIDEO+39
BCD0 EDB0    02820    LDIR
BCD2 110600  02830    LD      DE,6
BCD5 2181BB  02840    LD      HL,PPAR
BCD8 7E      02850    LD      A,(HL)
BCD9 FE01    02860    CP      1
BCDB 2803    02870    JR      Z,PLP2
BCDD 19      02880    ADD     HL,DE
BCDE 18F8    02890    LD      PLP1
BCD0 23      02900    INC     HL
BCD1 010400  02910    LD      BC,4
BCD4 11373C  02920    LD      DE,VIDEO+55
BCD7 EDB0    02930    LDIR
BCD9 C9      02940    RET
;DISPLAY PARITY

02950 ;
02960 ;
BCDA 4F      02970    DSPVAL LD      C,A
BCDB 3A03BB  02980    LD      A,(PARPTR)
BCDE E603    02990    AND     3
BCDF 07      03000    RLCA
BCF1 07      03010    RLCA
BCF2 07      03020    RLCA
BCF3 07      03030    RLCA
BCF4 21483C  03040    LD      HL,VIDEO+64
BCF7 1600    03050    LD      D,0
BCF9 5F      03060    LD      E,A
BCFA 19      03070    ADD     HL,DE
BCFB 0606    03080    LD      B,6
BCFD 79      03090    LD      A,C
BCFE 77      03100    UNLPL1 LD      (HL),A
BCFF 23      03110    INC     HL
BD00 18FC    03120    DJNZ   UNLPL1
BD02 C9      03130    RET
BD00 000000  03140    END     SETSER
000000 TOTAL ERRORS

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# Dynamic Item Scheduling

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A computer is a teacher with infinite patience. Students, however, are impatient. When the student first meets the computer there is a honeymoon period based on the system's glamour and novelty. But after that, the student is impatient with questions he cannot answer. He is also impatient with written explanations which might give him the answers, and even more impatient with questions for which he knows the answer too well.

The programmer faces a neat balancing act. He must provide a program with lots of action,

lots of student participation, and the student must make judgments which are neither too obvious nor too obscure.

Every student is different and the differences are not simply in the level of achievement along some linear scale. Students can easily vary in their mastery of every individual item in the subject matter, independent of other items. These conditions push the task of proper pacing and sequencing almost beyond hope.

The problems are most clearly evident in rote learning or drills. I will illustrate my solution with a spelling lesson, although you can apply the same concepts to the states and their capitals, or the first and last names of your co-workers, or just about any task requiring memorization. (I do not intend to minimize the usefulness of spelling rules, but I am focusing on that part of the task which learning rules do not resolve.)

I will describe an instructional program which continually adjusts the level of repetition of every item with every response by the student. I refer to this procedure as dynamic item scheduling.

## Dynamic Item Scheduling

When you are told the correct spelling of a word there is an ideal moment when you should be asked to repeat it. If I ask you again immediately you are justifiably insulted. If I wait too long you have lost it and you are embarrassed. If I come through at exactly the right moment, you are not quite sure but you give the answer and it turns out you are right.

When the laws of teaching are written, one of them will be that guessing right is one of the most significant events in learning. It also feels good. Guessing wrong is not damaging as long as it is interspersed with enough guessing right. Early theories of teaching machines held that you should try for zero mistakes. This approach resulted in painfully boring programs which drove people away.

This spelling program presents the student with words, one after another. He must decide if each word is spelled correctly. If not, he gives his idea of the correct spelling. If his response is wrong, the computer gives the correct spelling immediately. This item is sched-

uled for repetition according to an index of mastery which reflects previous right and wrong responses to that item.

At this point some teachers may be gasping that you must never intentionally expose a student to a misspelled word. However, I believe that students can surmount this hazard and come out with a well-established knowledge of correct spelling. This program's concept does not hinge on this issue. I would use verbal presentation but the resources are not readily available for most readers. This hazard would not come up at all in a task like learning the abbreviations for states.

I derived the computation of the index of mastery through experimentation attempting to hit that ideal moment for repetition. The index is a number controlling the number of words the program will present before repeating this one. On the first error for a particular word, the index is set at 2. It is multiplied by 3 on each correct response and divided by 4 on each incorrect response. The index is not allowed to go below one (it would make little sense), and whenever it gets above 50 the word disap-

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pears from the schedule.

Let us consider the initial arrangement of the sequence for the lesson. I considered arranging the words from easy to difficult, but this would have relatively little impact within a lesson. I also expect students to run through this lesson several times, and it is important that sequence should not become a secondary (false) clue to the spelling. For this reason all words in the lesson are arranged in a freshly-scrambled sequence each time the program is run.

## How the Program Works

The key to this program lies in the management of sequences in the initial shuffling of the deck, and in the dynamic item scheduling during the session. An array of pointers forming a chain controls sequencing. Each item has a pointer which specifies the location of the item scheduled to follow. Each item carries its own future. To modify the sequence it is only necessary to reset the values of the pointers; the contents of the items need not be moved. This is a well established technique for managing sequences in data base management systems. During initialization the pointers create a logical circle reaching all of the items stored.

The concept is equivalent to a circle of dancers in a folk dance holding hands. Each new item (dancer) joining the circle walks forward from the latest preceding newcomer a random number of positions. Let us say that he arrives at a dancer named Mimi. To break into the chain, the dancer who had been Mimi's "future," now becomes the newcomer's future, and the newcomer becomes Mimi's future. A complete circle is always maintained regardless of the number of items. The random walk may go all the way around the circle, possibly more than once. Curiously, the circle starts out with a single dancer holding her own hand.

The data which the program reads during this process consists of pairs of entries in Data statements. The first member of each pair is the correct spelling

and the second is the incorrect spelling of a word. These two elements are placed in the next available position of the arrays R\$(n) and W\$(n). A future-pointer F(n) is established by the procedure described above, and an initial mastery level M(n) is set to 99. After loading is complete, the exercise starts with the item identified as the future of item 1. (Item 1 is a dummy item which marks the beginning and end of the chain.)

Each trial is selected randomly to be a "positive trial" or a "negative trial" (whether the correct or incorrect spelling will be presented). Negative trials are used three out of four times. If the spelling is correct the student may simply press Enter; otherwise, he must give the correct spelling. Some Basic interpreters do not allow blank lines as input, in which case you should change the program to accept a plus (+) sign instead.

For either type of trial, positive or negative, the student's response may be right or wrong. If the mastery level is under 50 or if the response is wrong, an adjustment is made in the mastery level (as discussed earlier) the program inserts the item into the chain up ahead. This insertion is similar to the original loading except that it is not necessary to maintain the complete circle in the chain. If an item has never been missed and the response is correct, the mastery level is automatically high enough and the item is simply not inserted up ahead. Once an item is missed, the mastery level for dropping it must be earned with right (or wrong) responses. The lesson is complete when you go full circle and come back to the item whose future is item 1.

## Final Points

I wrote the program on a TRS-80 Color Computer with 16K. The Basic should cause no difficulty on other Basic systems. The only instructions that might call for modification on other machines are those using the word Sound. These control beeps are incidental to the program's operation and can be omitted. The lines starting with

an apostrophe are remarks which you may omit or change to REM statements.

When the program is running you may enter an asterisk at any point instead of a word and get a listing of the current state of the items, the pointers and the mastery level for each. This will explain more concretely how chaining works. The student would not ordinarily use this.

You can change or add to the Data statements which contain the words to be learned. Make several copies using different sets of words to provide a more

complete course. Be sure to make your entries in pairs, with the correct spelling first in each pair. The program is indifferent to the number of pairs you use as long as you stay within the 100 cells specified in the Dimension statements. New Data statements should precede the end marker DATA ZZZ,ZZZ. ■

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3  '-----'
4  'PROGRAM BY:      '
5  'L. B. WYCKOFF    '
6  '952 MILLEDGE PLACE'
7  'ATLANTA GA 30329 '
8  '-----'
10 CLEAR 1000
20 DATA NAMELESS,NAMLESS,KNAPSACK,NAPSACK,NARRATIVE,NARATIVE,NAV
IGABLE,NAVIGABLE,GNAW,KNAW
24 DATA WRESTLER,WRESLER,WIELD,WEILD,VITAL,VITLE,VITAMIN,VITMAN
,USUAL,USSAUL,TYING,TIING,TYRANT,TIRYANT,TRIPPING,TRIPING
26 DATA UTILITY,UTILETY,SUGAR,SHUGER,SUPPLY,SUPLY,SURPASS,SERPAS
,COMET,COMMET,GRAVEL,GRAVAL,WHIM,WIM
30 DATA NEBULOUS,NEBULUS,POSSIL,POSIL,PRIVOLOUS,FRIVLOUS,FRUGHT
,FROUGHT,FUGITIVE,FUGATIVE,FULFILL,FULLFIL,FUNNEL,FUNALL
40 DATA BOURBON,BURBON,BURGLARY,BURGULARY,CARAMEL,CARMEL,ANCIENT
,ANTIENT,NIBBLE,NIBLE,NICKEL,NICKLE
50 DATA BARBECUE,BARBEQUE,NAIVE,NIEVE,NINTH,NINETH,NOXIOUS,NOCOSO
US,NOTARY,NOTERY,NOTABLE,NOTIBLE,OFFENSE,OFFENCE
60 DATA PASSIVE,PASIVE,PAGEANT,PAGENT,PARROT,PAROT,PESO,PASO,PAT
IO,PATTIO,PAVEMENT,PAVMENT,CONCEIVE,CONCIEVE
70 DATA ZZZ,ZZZ
80 DIM R$(100),W$(100),F(100),M(100)
90 F(1)=1:A=1:P=1
92 CLS:PRINT "PLEASE WAIT"
100 ' NEXT LOAD
110 A=A+1:READ R$:IF R$="ZZZ" GO TO 170
120 R$(A)=R$:READ W$(A)
130 X=P
140 B=RND(A)+2:GOSUB 510
150 SOUND 200,2
160 GO TO 100
170 'LOADING COMPLETE
180 CLS:PRINT "IF YOU THINK THE WORD IS WRONG SPELL IT RIGHT.":
PRINT "IF YOU THINK IT IS RIGHT, JUST PRESS ENTER.":PRINT "ENTER
EXIT TO END LESSON.":PRINT
190 NX=F(1):WG=0:RT=0
200 'NEXT ITEM
210 C=NX:NX=F(C)
220 IF NX=1 GO TO 470
230 RN=RND(100)
240 IF RN>75 GOTO 300'POSITIVE TRIAL
250 PRINT W$(C):INPUT I$
260 IF I$=R$(C) GOTO 350'RIGHT
270 IF I$="EXIT" GO TO 470
280 IF I$="" THEN GOSUB 600: GO TO 250
290 GO TO 390'WRONG
300 PRINT R$(C):INPUT I$
310 IF I$=R$(C) OR I$=""GOTO 350'RIGHT
320 IF I$="EXIT" GO TO 470
330 IF I$="" THEN GOSUB 600:GO TO 300
340 GO TO 390
350 'RIGHT ANSWER
360 RT=RT+1:SOUND 200,1
370 IF M(C)>32 GOTO 200
380 M(C)=M(C)*3:GO TO 440'INSERT
390 'WRONG ANSWER
400 WG=WG+1:SOUND 40,6
410 PRINT " + ";R$(C)
420 IF M(C)=99 THEN M(C)=2:
430 M(C)=M(C)/4:IF M(C)<1 THEN
440 ' INSERT B STEPS AHEAD
450 X=C:B=M(C):GOSUB 560
460 F(C)=F(X):F(X)=C:GO TO 200
470 ' WRAPUP
480 PRINT "LESSON COMPLETE"
490 PRINT RT " RIGHT":PRINT WG " WRONG"
500 END
510 'INSERT AFTER B STEPS
520 B=B-1:X=F(X)
530 IF B>1 GO TO 510
540 F(A)=F(X):F(X)=A:M(A)=99
550 RETURN
560 'WALK B STEPS ALONG CHAIN
570 X=F(X):IF F(X)=1 GO TO 590
580 B=B-1:IF B>0 GOTO 560
590 RETURN
600 FOR J=1 TO A-1:PRINT J;F(J); R$(J):NEXT J
610 RETURN

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## Program Listing

*Drive a pantograph with a Model III.*

# Computerized Engraving

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**R**emember the pantograph? It is a simple device consisting of four linked arms carrying a tracing point and pencil. By

carefully tracing a drawing with the tracing point, the pencil end makes an enlarged or reduced copy of the original drawing.

The pantograph concept is also used in the engraving industry. For engraving, the pencil is replaced by a power driven

routing or engraving point. The device works well but has needed both human guidance and a template master.

The advent of the microcomputer eliminated the need to create a physical template master. The computer can create an electrical image of a template and control the engraving process.

I was in a Radio Shack store when a Dahlgren representative, Bob Laird, placed an order for a TRS-80 Model III with 48K memory. I asked to see their operation.

Photo 1 shows the power driven engraving pantograph. The large box in the middle (see close-up Photo 2) houses power supplies reminiscent of the early Altair computers.

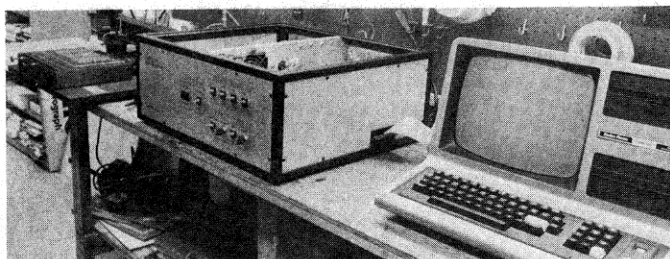


Photo 1

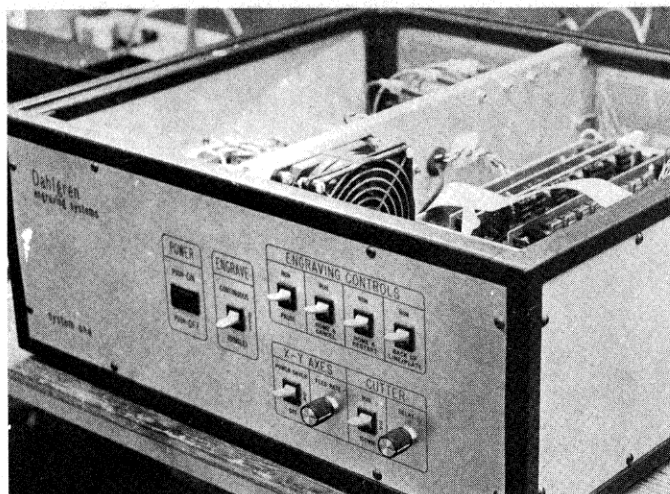


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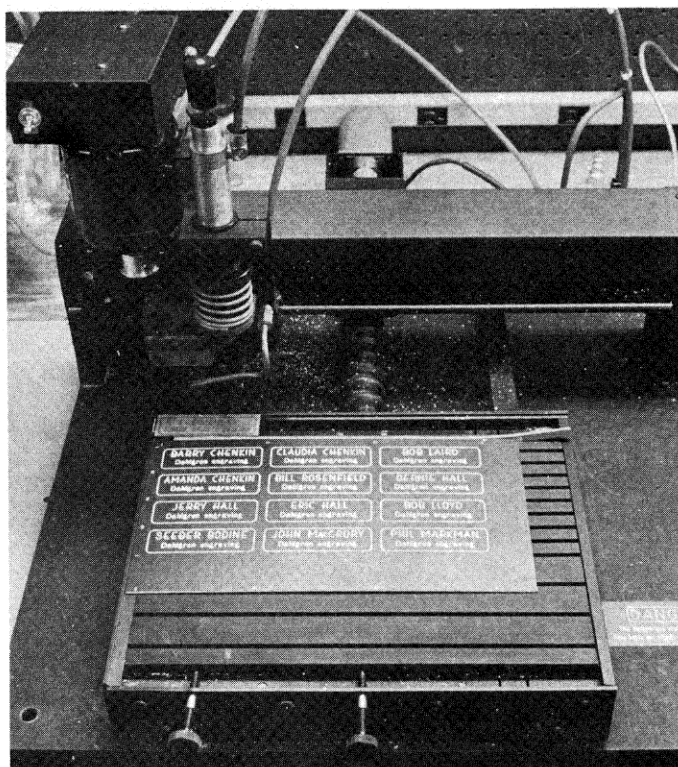


Photo 3

The program is in two parts: A machine language program is loaded first, followed by a long Basic program. The storage medium is cassette, as a DOS system would use too much memory. The loading procedure takes about nine minutes and must be done on each power up.

The computer program accepts the copy to be engraved and allows the selection of type size, letter spacing, number of lines, type font and italics. The computer then sends this information to the auxiliary controls in the middle box. This controls the stepping motors that provide X and Y axis information to the motion of the engraving bit. The system is electrically operated with the single exception of the raising and lowering of the engraving bit. This is done with compressed air under the direction of the program.

The engraving machine can be set to engrave multiple badges or signs on a large work piece (Photo 3). It can also generate

scoring lines for easy separation when the engraving is done. The machine can be programmed to do precision hole cutting or boring.

The only human/machine interface, once the engraving process has started, is removing the finished work and inserting the new blank onto the platen. The system can be used on one piece at a time or on numerous pieces in a row.

The machine also handles graphics. I was shown brass engravings with delicate swirls and patterns using custom programs produced by Dahlgren.

The computer has made reproducibility easier using a system to do quality work without a skilled artisan as the operator.

There is another big plus to having a computer behind the engraving set-up. When not in use for engraving, it can process accounts receivable, control inventory, do billing or any other office chores. It will even play a good game of Star Trek. ■

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# Confessions of a Microholic

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I used to be a normal person. I slept at night, I ate regularly, and I even watched a little tv. Throughout most of the day I was alert enough to handle tough questions: I knew the day of the week and the President's name. Not any more, though. Not since the microcomputer came into my life.

## From the Beginning

When everybody was raving about those wonderful new pocket calculators, I was using a pocket-sized circular slide rule (mostly for price comparisons at the supermarket), and was sure the electronic gadgets would only be a fad—something like the Hula Hoop. After all, my slide rule was smaller, cost only a fraction as much, and had no batteries to run down. Who but an engineer cares if the answer to a problem is 4.5539873224 anyway?

So I held out. The pressure was intense: jeers from my associates, stifled laughter from high-schoolers who thought I was living in the Dark Ages, and quizzical looks from others who did not appreciate the simple elegance of an analog calcula-

tor. Button pushing, however, was fast becoming a national pastime. Digital watches with LED displays were popping up on wrists everywhere. Never mind that these people had to go into a dark closet to read the time, the microelectronic age was upon us. It was only a matter of time before I too would succumb.

I remember the day it happened, as one might remember being struck by lightning. It was a rainy evening late in the year and we decided to window-shop at one of the discount department stores. I was casually looking over the assortment of cameras and pocket calculators when a word on one of the display cards caught my eye—programmable. Then I spotted another word on one of the keys—LRN. Could it be, I wondered, that you can actually teach one of these things to do something? If so, my slide rule was about to take a long vacation.

I had to find out. The clerk handed me the calculator and its instruction booklet, and for the next hour and a half the building could have fallen down around me and I would not have noticed. I remember thinking a little later, "Boy, some holdout. Two hours ago you would not be caught dead with an electronic

calculator, and here you are walking out of a store with one—programmable, no less!" If I was going to be a convert I might as well do it in style. I still could not believe it: In the palm of my hand was a machine capable of learning.

I didn't know it then, but I was about to fall victim to "the fever." That night was a long one, the first of many, but it seemed short. At some time I looked at the clock and it was 2 am. Two o'clock in the morning, and I was just getting started. Little did I realize that this was only the prelude, an appetizer for the frenzy that lay ahead.

After a few weeks with my new electronic companion, I began to realize that it had limitations. I needed more memory registers and the ability to store more keystrokes. The fine distinction between need and want was slowly dissolving.

## The Next Step

Then I noticed that the same department store carried the Texas Instruments TI-59, a much more capable machine. One look at the instruction manual convinced me that it would be a long time before I could exhaust its features. It had 60 memory registers, and could remember a sequence of several hundred

keystrokes! In addition, I could feed small magnetic cards through it for permanent storage of programs or data. I did not really know what data was, and the keypad contained functions I had never even heard of, but it is hard to be cold and objective when your mouth is watering.

I still had some contact with reality: A \$230 purchase price was a bit more serious than \$30. Such a decision required more detailed study of the manual (about 2½ hours), and after long minutes glancing back and forth between the calculator and my checkbook, I made what was probably the inevitable choice.

The TI-59 was a good teacher. I began to see mathematics in a whole new light. It was all around me, in the symmetry of a flower, or the harmonics of a guitar string. Shadows cast by a building on a late afternoon became functions of the building's height and the tangent of the sun's angle. Math was an exciting new language to be learned, a unique language not of words, but of symbols and formulas. How could I have missed such a fundamental point in all my years of formal education? What other language could possibly describe the exact path of a basketball on its way to the

hoop? Sure, words could give a glowing description of a beautiful hook shot, but the exact path? It was an awesome realization, like a caveman seeing his reflection in a mirror for the first time. The microtrap was closing around me.

### Bigger and Better

A few months later, Radio Shack began advertising a personal computer with a built-in language called Level I Basic. It had 4K of memory—whatever that meant—and represented a price breakthrough at \$599. This was only twice the cost of the TI-59, but was the computer any good? I had shopped at Radio Shack before, but I had some reservations about buying an expensive item there. Confering with a few friends disclosed that I had an outdated image of Radio Shack. Yes, they did carry some low-grade items, but more and more high-class stock was showing up in their catalogues all the time. Maybe this machine was more than just a toy.

Although naive about computers, I knew they must be complex devices. A poorly designed micro would surely be a poor investment. Other manufacturers were selling microcomputers; I would have to be cautious in determining which computer to buy. Which computer? That's right, the question was not *whether* to buy one, but which make and model. I was hooked, and now I knew it.

At the time, personal computers were new on the market. No one really knew how to sell them. Representatives of competing models made me feel stupid. They sprinkled terms like PROM, Eprom, and DMA liberally through their sales pitches. The Radio Shack salesman, on the other hand, spoke plain English. However, they were unable to give anything but vague answers to my specific questions about the machine. I would have to choose a computer without all the information I wanted.

I made my selection as scientifically as possible, based upon product support, availability of maintenance, and pretty pictures in the brochures. Since most manufacturers did not

even have a brochure, I ended up the proud, if somewhat apprehensive, owner of a brand new TRS-80 microcomputer.

When I got the box home the experience of opening it was almost religious. Somehow I sensed this was a red-letter day. In an age when everyone was blaming the computer for billing errors and lost shipments and practically everything else, I was about to get some first-hand experience with one. When I plugged in and saw the screen come to life, I thought of it as the dawn of a new era. Right there on my kitchen counter was an honest-to-gosh computer, up and running!

Using Basic for the first time was a pure joy. I had already read the instruction manual from cover to cover (by now a well-established ritual) and could practically recite the sample programs by heart. My first hands-on experience was marvelous! Basic did practically all the housekeeping for me. No longer did I have to convert each alphabetic character into a number or keep track of the particular memory register where my program had stored a value. I was a kid in a candy store and could not learn this remarkable new machine fast enough.

### A Love Affair

In the following months I spent many long hours with the TRS-80 and trust gradually developed. It gave wrong answers because I asked the wrong question, or the right question in the wrong way. The computer was absolutely obedient except when I asked it to do something it could not; even then it was infinitely patient. My little Model I, which had now grown to 16K of memory and spoke Level II Basic, was becoming an extension of me. The video screen was a palate for my thoughts, a place where my problem-solving processes could be shown in black and white. My programs were beginning to show my signature and this fascinating new activity completely captivated me.

As my skills improved I wrote longer and more complicated programs. As the programs became more complex, my

trances became deeper and my lapses of attention to other things (such as putting my left shoe on my left foot) became more frequent. Soon, the obsession began to interfere with everyday events. Why, right in the middle of a sales conference, I might jump up and exclaim, "Of course! It's so simple! I just have to put a GOSUB in line 340."

I was a man possessed. When working on a program, normal activities like eating dinner or shaving became time-devouring annoyances. The ash tray seemed to fill up in seconds, and I lost all sense of time. What could be driving me? How long can a grown man sit in front of a machine whose vocabulary consists of "Ready" or an occasional "syntax error"? Even at the point of physical and mental exhaustion, I was kept helplessly riveted to that keyboard by some invisible force.

Since then it has all been a dizzying downhill ride. I have been the whole ugly route: Disk

Basic, file handling, word processing, you name it. Lately, I have even sunk to new depths. I have been hitting the hard stuff—embedded machine code. I can't get enough of it. My friends shake their heads in dismay. The other day I was almost run down by a moped while concentrating on a troublesome For...Next loop. Sure, it is painful when I hear murmurings behind my back, phrases like "computer junkie," and "they oughtta keep people like that off the streets." But I can't help myself; it has gone too far for me to turn back now.

Well, that's my story. One day I am just like anyone else, and the next thing I know some new technology changes my whole outlook. It is hard to remember what my life was like before the microcomputer. There is not much hope I will ever be normal again; they say my affliction is incurable. I have one question, though: If being a microholic is so terrible, why am I having so much fun? ■

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*What's a coot like him doing in a program like this?*

# Gabby the Space Cowbum

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"Git 'em, Roy!"

I thought the old coot disappeared forever when the sun set over the cinema desert for the last time and my boyhood Bijou was transmogrified into a western wear emporium.

But no—Gabby Coot lives. I found him the other night tucked away in my TRS-80.

Apparently, when the cheapie westerns died, he somehow blasted off into deep space. He claims he was sidekick to Flash and Buck and tells stories about Scorgons and Trills. He seems to talk about a past yet in my future.

Gabby goes on without stop. It is nearly impossible to shut him up. Even though he invites questions from time to time, don't expect any straight answers.

## Talking With Gabby

Gabby is a simple example of generating artificial speech. The program has data lines of seven sentences each with six grammatical elements. These elements are more or less modular. Any of the seven subjects can be appended to any of the seven verbs, or the clauses containing them, and make some degree of sense.

Gabby is capable of spouting more than 5000 sentences. He is evasive and guilty of second

degree yarn spinning and flannel-mouthing.

Gabby can be used as an interesting exercise in creating random "intelligent" patter from alphanumeric data. You can change the data lines to create different characters: a windbag politician promising the moon, a baseball manager explaining his team's cellar status, or humorous nonsense geared to a child's reading level. Remember to use seven sentences of six grammatical elements each. Do not try to compose them on the computer. Do it on paper.

Each of my sentences has an introductory clause, subject, verb, exclamation or similar nonsense and two short clauses with objects.

## The Program

Lines 30–340 set and read the alphanumeric data. Line 350 causes a jump ahead if the introductory rigamarole has already been covered in lines 360–430, which respond fairly logically to nearly any answer.

Line 460 determines how many sentences Gabby will spew before a pause. Lines 470–530 select a random element from one of the seven sentences to form a fairly intelligible sentence. Line 540 groups the elements into a string represented by the

single symbol G\$. Line 550 initiates a loop equal to the number of characters in G\$. Line 560 establishes a one-letter string (H\$) equal to successive characters in G\$. Line 570 prints each character in turn.

It may seem puzzling for the program to slice apart sentences and reassemble them. The reasoning is twofold. The move accounts for the fluid appearance of Gabby's words. But, more importantly, it forms the basis for a handy programming trick.

Back up to line 440. In this case the value of O, set initially at zero, will be equal to the progress of the number of characters in a single line appearing on the screen.

Lines 580–590 explain why. Line 580 increments O's value by one each time the loop runs. Line 590 sets two conditions. If the number of characters in a line is more than 55 and the character encountered is a space (" "), the program executes a Print and Gabby continues ruminating on the next line without any broken words at the ends of lines. I find this a useful method for programs whose runs produce lines of unpredictable length.

I have a Radio Shack Line Printer III on which I use 8½

## The Key Box

Basic Level II  
Model I  
16K RAM  
Line Printer III



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10 REM * GABBY COOT * BY RICHARD RAMELLA
20 CLS
30 CLEAR 750
40 DATA THEM DAYS THERE WARN'T NO LIGHT SPEED CRUISERS SO
50 DATA THE GANYMEDE FORCES, ATTACKED, BY SIRUIS!
60 DATA SO WE HID BEHIND SATURN'S RINGS
70 DATA IF WE WAS TO GET OUT ALIVE
80 DATA I RECALL THE REAL STORY OF THE BIG METEOR STRIKE OF '89.
90 DATA ME AND FLASH WE, LAY DEAD AHEAD, JUST THEN
100 DATA AND THE GAMMA GENERATOR WAS PLUMB EMPTY
110 DATA AND THAT REALLY GOT THE VENUSIANS RILED UP
120 DATA HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE TRILLS?, BUCK AND THE QUEEN
130 DATA COULDN'T BE FIXED IN TIME, TO STOP THE WAR
140 DATA AND OH IT WAS A TERRIBLE TIME
150 DATA AND IT'S A WONDER I'M HERE TO TELL ABOUT IT
160 DATA REAL EARLY SPACE TIMES?, THOSE SLIME MONSTERS
170 DATA WERE HOT ON THE TRAIL, CONSARN IT
180 DATA AND YES THE SWAMP MEN WERE CLOSER
190 DATA SO WE COULD SYNTHESIZE SOME DILITHIUM
200 DATA AIRLESS AND COLD, ABOUT A JILLION ASTEROIDS
210 DATA WERE PRETTY CHUMMY, I FIGGERED
220 DATA BUT WE HAD TO DEAL WITH EMPEROR MUNGBEAN FIRST
230 DATA THEN THE WHOLE PLANET'S AXIS MIGHT SHIFT
240 DATA THREE PARSECS OUT OF DIASOL IV, THE BLASTED NOVAS
250 DATA WERE PRETTY CHUMMY, FOR SURE
260 DATA CAUSE WE HAD TO LIFT OFF WITH AN EXTRA BODY ABOARD
270 DATA THEN I COULD REPORT THE MISSION AS COMPLETE
280 DATA WHEN TWENTY TWO-TAILED SCORCONS BARED THEIR FANGS
290 DATA THE BUSTED HOLOGRAM FIELDS, GAVE QUITE A SHOW, YOU BET
300 DATA SO WHEN I KNEW THAT GALAXY WAS A TIMEBOMB
310 DATA THEN ALL CONCERNED COULD GO CRYONIC BY GUM
320 FOR A = 1 TO 7
330 READ A$(A), B$(A), C$(A), D$(A), E$(A), F$(A)
340 NEXT A
350 IF Y = 5 THEN 450
360 PRINT "I'M GABBY COOT. I RECOLLECT THE OLD DAYS IN SPACE."
370 PRINT
380 INPUT "INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT THOSE TIMES"; B$

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390 CLS
400 VS = LEFT$(B$,1)
410 IF VS = "Y" OR VS = "S" THEN 420 ELSE 430
420 PRINT "GOOD FER YOU, SPACE CADET...": GOTO 440
430 PRINT "WELL, I RECKON I'LL TELL IT ANYWAYS..."
440 O = 0
450 PRINT
460 H = RND(5)
470 FOR I = 1 TO H
480 A = RND(7)
490 B = RND(7)
500 C = RND(7)
510 D = RND(7)
520 E = RND(7)
530 F = RND(7)
540 GS = A$(A) + " " + B$(B) + " " + C$(C) + " " + D$(D) + " " + E$(E) + " " + F$(F) + " "
550 FOR N = 1 TO LEN(GS)
560 HS = MID$(GS, N, 1)
570 PRINT HS;
580 O = O + 1
590 IF O > 55 AND HS = " " PRINT: O = 0
600 NEXT I
610 NEXT I
620 PRINT
630 PRINT
640 O = 0
650 INPUT "ANY QUESTIONS"; X$
660 V = LEN(X$)
670 IF V < 5 CLS: RESTORE: GOTO 730
680 VS = RIGHT$(X$, V/1.5-1)
690 CLS
700 LS = MID$(VS, 1, 1)
710 IF LS = " " PRINT "HOW'S THAT?"; VS ELSE V = V - 1: GOTO 670
720 RESTORE
730 Y = 5
740 GOTO 320
750 END

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### Program Listing 1

inch wide paper. This printer is quite willing to print past the end of my paper. These few lines put a governor on that impulse.

Lines 650-740 are no more

than a gambit to continue the endless story. Gabby invites a question, responds "How's that?" and restates a portion of the question asked. It is a con-

versational trick used by people who are not really responding to their listeners. If you modify Gabby to become a politician, using this gambit should make

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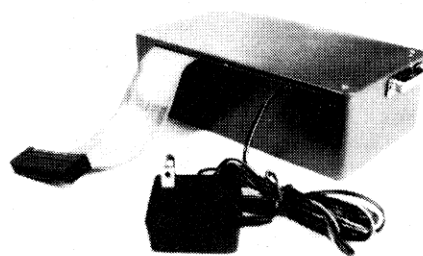


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*CLOAD problems may be CSAVE problems.*

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# Damping Cassette Output

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**W**hen I bought my TRS-80, I did so in light of warnings about its CLOAD problems. Though the TRS-80 was at that time almost unknown in Europe, magazines like *Kilobaud* had enlightened me. I knew what I had to do about the problem (which was the only flaw in a computer otherwise perfect for me).

My new TRS-80 was of dubious ancestry—its Level II 4K keyboard was imported, upgraded to 16K locally, had a 240V power supply attached and some internal modifications made. No CTR-41 or CTR-80 was available, and no monitor. It was the only 16K unit within my price range, around \$900. (The 16K PET cost about \$1600 over here.) Since that day, one phrase in the description has haunted me: The cassette output signal was reduced to avoid CLOAD problems. I did not question the remark at the time.

The keyboard unit suited me fine, because I had a good quality cassette recorder. A modu-

lator supplied with the keyboard enabled me to use a tv receiver in place of a monitor.

Once I found (by trial and error) the correct volume control setting for the cassette replay, I experienced no CLOAD problems. To this day, I use this unit with its cassettes as a reliable backup system for programs and data, though for everyday storage I use the Exatron Stringy-Floppy.

I did not think seriously about CLOAD and CSAVE again until I interfaced a printer to the system (see my "Hard and Soft Printware" article, *80 Microcomputing*, October 1981). I wanted to use the cassette port to drive the interface, but was puzzled to find that the signal was too feeble to operate the interface. Other TRS-80s had no such problems. Measuring the signal voltage at the cassette port confirmed that the strength was much lower than the figure quoted in Radio Shack's hardware manual. I was able to get around the problem with a software fix, as the article describes. At the time I felt this preferable to hardware changes on a system working well for its primary function of CLOAD and CSAVE. With this solved, I once again forgot about the cassette signal.

I had to rethink the problem when I used my TRS-80 for Elec-

tric Pencil text work. (I modified my copy of Pencil so that it gave the stronger cassette port signal that I needed.) After producing a lot of text and recording it on cassette, I went through the slow back-up process by putting in another cassette and recording again. I decided that using two cassette recorders at once would save time. I started some tests to see if I could do this. Paralleling the microphone inputs to two recorders proved to be no problem, and the signal on recorder 1 was unaffected by adding recorder 2. As I expected, there was no simple way of ensuring that I had motor control over recorder 2; I had to operate the key manually. Connecting the motor control cables together does terrible things to the circuits, since separate supplies power each motor.

## Problems

The cassette recorded by recorder 2 would not CLOAD when I replayed it on recorder 1. My first guess was that the head azimuth angle of recorder 2 was not the same as that of recorder 1. I set recorder 2 to Replay, removed the earphone plug so that I could listen through the loudspeaker, and then played a cassette recorded on recorder 1. With a small screwdriver inserted through the hole above

the recording head, I adjusted the screw controlling the head angle until the note I heard was sharp and clear, with maximum treble. Recorder 2 needed a very small adjustment, indicating that the head angle had been about right. The adjustment made no difference to the problem—the tapes from machine 2 simply would not CLOAD on machine 1!

The recording volume control setting is automatic with modern cassette recorders—the signal is converted into dc and the dc regulates amplification. The signal sent to the tapehead is never large enough to cause a distorted recording. Like all automatic circuits, however, this type has a limited range, different for each different make of recorder. If a signal input is too large for the automatic recording circuits, distortion results. Did the signal from my TRS-80 overload the automatic recording circuits of the second cassette recorder?

I constructed a miniature volume control between a socket and a jack plug so that I could plug the output from the computer into the volume control, and the output from the volume control into the recorder. I set the volume control halfway, and saved a short program on recorder 2. This one CLOADed on recorder 1, but only when the

replay volume was set lower than normal. I adjusted the volume control on the CSAVE circuit to a lower setting and was able to CSAVE tapes which would CLOAD on recorder 1 at the same settings used for tapes which I had recorded on recorder 1.

I made the change permanent, and have used the system ever since—I backed up the text of two books this way, and I can take text from either cassette with no adjustments.

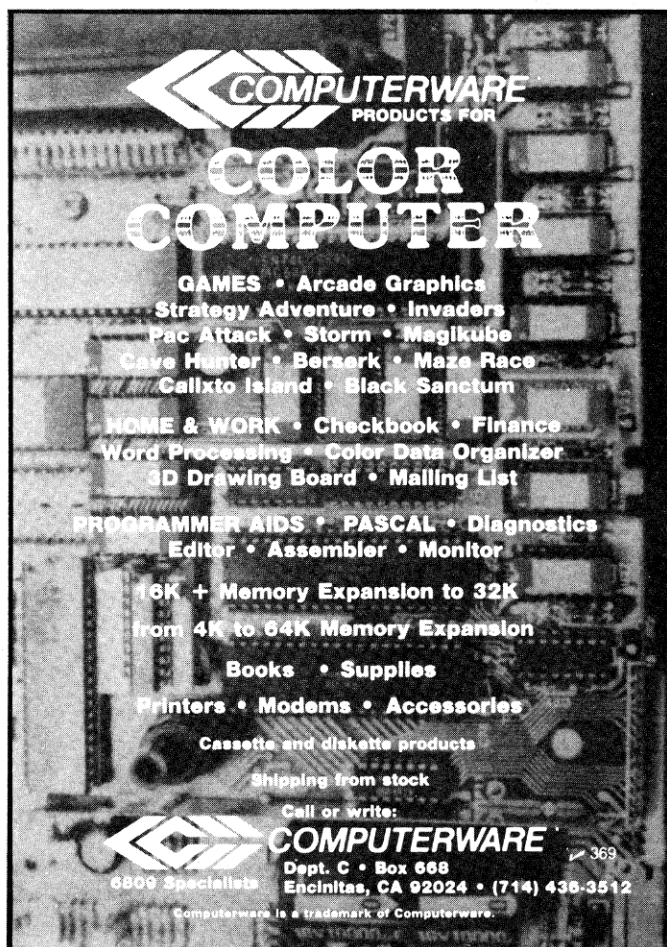
#### CLOAD or CSAVE?

How many CLOAD problems are really CSAVE problems, caused by overloading the recording circuits? I would expect that the TRS-80's normal signal would not overload the recording circuits of the CTR-80, but you might try reducing the recording volume if you ever have CLOAD problems. (The signal from the TRS-80 is large enough to override the automatic volume control circuits of most recorders I have tried.)

Dealing with the problem this way means that you do not have to alter the TRS-80, since you can wire the additional volume control outside the case. You can also incorporate the new volume control inside the TRS-80 case, or even inside the recorder's case. If you use a second recorder for quick backups you will need the volume control unless the second recorder is another CTR-80.

My TRS-80 was already modified to produce a smaller cassette output signal. What would my experiences be if it had not been altered? ■

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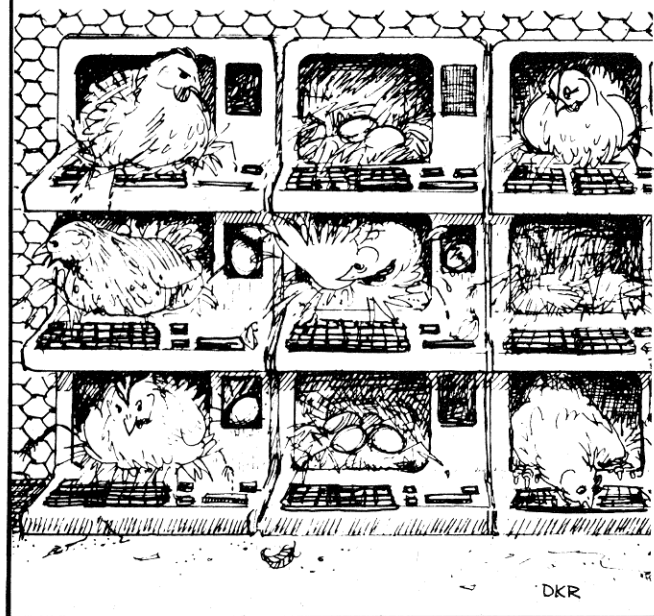
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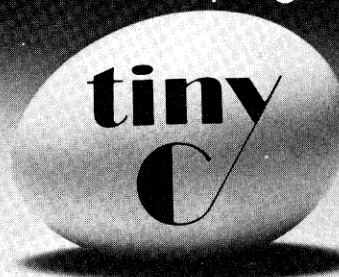
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ative numbers, payments insufficient to amortize loans, and other common entry errors. The menus are simple for inexperienced personnel to use. After each routine, you can run it again, try another routine in the same group, return to the main menu or end the program.

## Deposit Programs

Planning often requires accumulation of a sum of money. With the deposit routines you can determine the amount which will accumulate from a single deposit at compound interest.

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## Annuity Computations

These routines furnish you the results of making a series of deposits. If you save the same amount each year in your Individual Retirement Account, you can compute your nest egg at re-

Your estate is valued at \$500,000. If it increases at eight percent a year, what will be the value six years from now in 1987 when the new estate tax limits go into effect? (Compound interest menu option 1)

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at the end of 6.0 years.

End of Period	Balance
1	\$540,000.00
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3	\$629,856.00
4	\$680,244.48
5	\$734,664.04
6	\$793,437.16

Example 1

You are 55 years old. You will contribute \$7500 a year to your Keogh plan on January 2 of each year from 1982 through 1991. Invested at 12 percent per annum, how much will you have when you retire Jan. 2, 1992? (Annuity menu option 1)

Deposits of \$7,500.00  
once a year at interest of 12.00%  
will be worth \$147,409.37  
at the end of 10.0 years.

End of Period	Balance
1	\$8,400.00
2	\$17,808.00
3	\$28,344.96
4	\$40,146.36
5	\$53,363.92
6	\$68,167.59
7	\$84,747.70
8	\$103,317.42
9	\$124,115.51
10	\$147,409.37

Example 2

tirement. Other options will give you the time, interest rate or deposits required to reach your specified goal.

### Add-on Interest

Can you afford to buy that new printer or disk drive? By changing the terms, down payment or payment period, you can determine how to bring the payments within your budget. This routine computes annual percentage rate to compare with other means of financing.

### Interest on Reducing Balance

You will get a schedule of payments with interest computed on the remaining balance of principal. Substituting different terms reveals the effect upon monthly payments.

### Amortization Tables

With these flexible routines, you can choose any number of payments a year and determine the periodic payment required or print out the complete amortization table. You can find the balance at any point in the life of the loan. For example, if you buy property with a note requiring periodic payments for a number of years and then a balloon, you

can compute the balance when the balloon is due and figure the payments on a new loan assumed to be needed to refinance the balloon payment. As an alternative, you can choose a payment other than that required for equal amortization and obtain a schedule of payments or balance determination. This would show you the effect of making additional principal payments each period. You can vary payments, interest rates and terms to structure a deal to make economic sense.

### Yield Computations

Dealing in trust deed notes has been popular in California and elsewhere for some time. One yield routine enables you to determine the amount to pay for an existing note to obtain the interest yield you require when payments include principal amortization. Another routine enables you to determine the price to pay if you purchase a bond or interest-only note. You can also calculate yield to maturity for a note or bond offered at a specific market price.

Examples 1-7 illustrate some of the practical uses for the program.

Your new car will cost \$11,000. After a \$3000 down payment the bank will finance the balance at 12 percent add-on interest. What will the payments and APR be for 36 months? For 48 months? (Add-on menu option 1)

Purchase of item at cost of \$8,000.00  
at 12.00% add-on interest  
for 36 months  
Monthly payment will be \$302.22  
Annual percentage rate is 21.20%

Purchase of item at cost of \$8,000.00  
at 12.00% add-on interest  
for 48 months  
Monthly payment will be \$246.67  
Annual percentage rate is 20.76%

Example 4

### Program Construction

The main menu offers you any of the six types of computation routines or exit from the program. Each program other than the installment payments with interest on balance due has options. CBasic uses double precision numbers for computation, so the results are very accurate.

The screen printout pauses after each screenful of data for your review. This gives you time

to copy any detail data you desire from the screen. There are no pauses in the printer routine so you need sufficient paper for printing all of the entries in long tables.

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If you draw out \$12,000 each six months from the retirement fund accumulated in Example 2, how long will it last you? (Loan amortization menu option 2)

A loan of \$147,409.37 with payments two times a year at interest of 12.00% each payment \$12,000.00 requires payments for 11.5 years last payment will be \$11,116.96

Period	Principal	Interest	Balance
1	\$3,155.44	\$8,844.56	\$144,253.93
2	\$3,344.76	\$8,655.24	\$140,909.17
3	\$3,545.45	\$8,454.55	\$137,363.72
4	\$3,758.18	\$8,241.82	\$133,605.54
5	\$3,983.67	\$8,016.33	\$129,621.87
6	\$4,222.69	\$7,777.31	\$125,399.19
7	\$4,476.05	\$7,523.95	\$120,923.14
8	\$4,744.61	\$7,255.39	\$116,178.53
9	\$5,029.29	\$6,970.71	\$111,149.24
10	\$5,331.05	\$6,668.95	\$105,818.19
11	\$5,650.91	\$6,349.09	\$100,167.28
12	\$5,989.96	\$6,010.04	\$94,177.32
13	\$6,349.36	\$5,650.64	\$87,827.96
14	\$6,730.32	\$5,269.68	\$81,097.64
15	\$7,134.14	\$4,865.86	\$73,963.49
16	\$7,562.19	\$4,437.81	\$66,401.30
17	\$8,015.92	\$3,984.08	\$58,385.38
18	\$8,496.88	\$3,503.12	\$49,888.51
19	\$9,006.69	\$2,993.31	\$40,881.82
20	\$9,547.09	\$2,452.91	\$31,334.73
21	\$10,119.92	\$1,880.08	\$21,214.81
22	\$10,727.11	\$1,272.89	\$10,487.70
23	\$10,487.70	\$629.26	\$0.00

Note: Last payment is required payoff at end of loan.

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## Program Listing

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REM -----
REM FINANCIAL WIZARD
REM BY CHARLES R. PERELMAN
REM INTEREST, PAYMENT AND LOAN ANALYSIS
REM WRITTEN IN C BASIC2
REM -----
DIM AS(20)
ES="*****"
AS(1)="ENTER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (NO COMMAS IN NUMBERS PLEASE):"
AS(2)="WHAT IS THE AMOUNT YOU WILL DEPOSIT? $"
AS(3)="WHAT IS THE AMOUNT YOU WANT TO ACCUMULATE? $"
AS(4)="WHAT INTEREST RATE (E.G. FOR 10.75% ENTER 10.75)?"
AS(5)="HOW MANY YEARS? "
AS(6)="NUMBER OF TIMES PER YEAR "
AS(7)="IF YOU WANT TO PRINT RESULTS, TURN ON PRINTER AND PRESS P."
AS(8)="PRESS ANY OTHER LETTER TO CONTINUE WITHOUT PRINTOUT."
AS(9)="*** PLEASE PRESS NUMBER FOR ROUTINE YOU WISH TO USE ***"
AS(10)="WHAT IS THE COST OF THE ITEM WITHOUT INTEREST? $"
AS(11)="HOW MANY MONTHS?"
AS(12)="PROGRAM PRINTS BALANCE AT END OF EACH PERIOD."
AS(13)="IF YOU WANT TO PRINT DETAILS TO SCREEN, PRESS S."
AS(14)="PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE LISTING."
AS(15)="TIMES A YEAR AT INTEREST OF "
AS(16)="*** ALL FIGURES MUST BE GREATER THAN 0. PLEASE ENTER AGAIN. ***"

10 PRINT CHR$(12) REM MAIN MENU
PRINT ES: FINANCIAL WIZARD "ES: PRINT:PRINT "MAIN MENU: "AS(9):PRINT
PRINT "1. ONE DEPOSIT TO SAVINGS ACCOUNT - Compound Interest"
PRINT "2. SAVING A CERTAIN AMOUNT EACH PERIOD - Annuity"
PRINT "3. BUYING ON INSTALLMENTS - Add On Interest, Equal Payments"
PRINT "4. BUYING ON INSTALLMENTS - Equal Principal Payments Plus Interest"
PRINT "5. AMORTIZED LOANS - Payment tables"
PRINT "6. BUYING LOANS FOR A CERTAIN YIELD -Calculative Effective Yield"
PRINT "7. END PROGRAM"
20 Y=CONCHAR%
IF Y=(32) THEN 20
IF Y<(49) OR Y>(55) THEN PRINT CHR$(127):\
PRINT:PRESS NUMBER FROM 1 TO 7 PLEASE:\
FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT X:GOTO 10
CHOICE=Y-48:ON CHOICE GOTO 100,200,300,400,500,600,5000

100 PRINT CHR$(12) REM COMPOUND INTEREST MENU
PRINT "ONE DEPOSIT TO A SAVING ACCOUNT -COMPOUND INTEREST:PRINT
PRINT "1. DEPOSIT OF A SPECIFIC AMOUNT AT GIVEN INTEREST RATE FOR CERTAIN TIME."
PRINT "AS(12)
PRINT "2. AMOUNT TO BE DEPOSITED TO REACH GOAL AT END OF PERIOD AT GIVEN"
PRINT "INTEREST RATE. "AS(12)
PRINT "3. INTEREST RATE REQUIRED FOR DEPOSIT TO REACH GOAL AT END OF CHOSEN"
PRINT "PERIOD. COMPUTES RATE. "AS(12)
PRINT "4. TIME NEEDED TO REACH GOAL FOR DEPOSIT AT SPECIFIED INTEREST RATE."
PRINT "COMPUTES TIME. "AS(12):PRINT:PRINT AS(9):GOSUB 2000
150 PRINT CHR$(127):PRINT:PRINT AS(1) REM COMPOUND INTEREST INPUT
IF CHOICE<2 THEN PRINT AS(2):INPUT "PRINCIPAL
IF CHOICE<1 THEN PRINT AS(3):INPUT "SUM
IF CHOICE<3 THEN PRINT AS(4):INPUT "INTEREST
IF CHOICE<4 THEN PRINT AS(5):INPUT "YEARS
PRINT "COMPOUNDED FOR WHAT "AS(6):INPUT "TIMES
IF CHOICE<2 AND PRINCIPAL<0 OR CHOICE<1 AND SUM<0 OR CHOICE<3\
AND INTEREST<0 OR CHOICE<4 AND YEARS<0 OR TIMES<0 THEN\
PRINT:PRINT AS(16):FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT:PRINT CHR$(12):GOTO 150
IF CHOICE<3 AND SUM<PRINCIPAL OR CHOICE<4 AND SUM<PRINCIPAL THEN PRINT:\
PRINT "AMOUNT TO ACCUMULATE MUST EXCEED DEPOSIT. PLEASE REENTER. ***:\
FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT:PRINT CHR$(12):GOTO 150
N=YEARS*TIMES:R=INTEREST/(TIMES*100) REM INTEREST COMPUTATIONS
IF CHOICE=1 THEN SUM=PRINCIPAL*(1+R)^N
IF CHOICE=2 THEN PRINCIPAL=SUM*(1+R)^(-N)
IF CHOICE=3 THEN INTEREST=100*TIMES*((SUM/PRINCIPAL)^(1/N)-1)
IF CHOICE=4 THEN YEARS=((LOG(SUM/PRINCIPAL)/LOG(1+R))/TIMES)
PRINT CHR$(12) REM COMPOUND INTEREST PRINTOUT
151 PRINT ES:PRINT "PRINT A DEPOSIT OF "AS(12):PRINT USING DS:PRINCIPAL
PRINT "COMPOUNDED "TIMES"TIMES A YEAR AT INTEREST OF "AS(12):PRINT USING RS:INTEREST:PRINT "WILL BE WORTH "AS(12):PRINT USING DS:SUM
PRINT "AT THE END OF "AS(12):PRINT USING YS:YEARS:PRINT "YEARS."PRINT ES:PRINT
IF FLAG=0 THEN GOSUB 2100
IF FLAG=0 THEN 152
PRINT:PRINT "END OF PERIOD:"TAB(21):"BALANCE" REM TABLE PRINTOUT
N=YEARS*TIMES:R=INTEREST/(100*TIMES)
FOR X=1 TO N
IF FLAG=1 AND X/22=INT(X/22) THEN PRINT AS(14):INPUT "LINE ZS:PRINT
PRINT TAB(6):X;TAB(14):PRINT USING DS:PRINCIPAL*(1+R)^X:NEXT X
IF CHOICE=4 AND YEARS=INT(YEARS) THEN PRINT TAB(6):X:\
TAB(14):PRINT USING DS:SUM:PRINT\
PRINT "NOTE: LAST PERIOD MAY BE PARTIAL PERIOD AND MAY DIFFER FROM"
PRINT "YEARS SHOWN ABOVE AS RESULT OF ROUNDING OFF."
IF FLAG=2 THEN CONSOLE:FLAG=0:GOTO 153
152 GOSUB 2200
IF FLAG=2 THEN 151
153 GOSUB 2300
PRINT CHR$(12):ON PICK GOTO 150,100,10,5000

200 PRINT CHR$(12) REM ANNUITY MENU
PRINT "SAVING A CERTAIN AMOUNT EACH PERIOD - ANNUITY:PRINT
PRINT "1. TOTAL ACCUMULATION BY DEPOSIT OF SAME AMOUNT AT BEGINNING OF"
PRINT "EACH PERIOD AT GIVEN INTEREST RATE FOR SPECIFIED PERIOD. "
PRINT "AS(12)
PRINT "2. AMOUNT TO DEPOSIT EACH PERIOD AT GIVEN INTEREST RATE FOR SPECIFIED"
PRINT "PERIOD TO REACH GOAL "AS(12)
PRINT "3. PAYMENTS YOU WILL RECEIVE AT END OF EACH PERIOD FOR NUMBER OF "
PRINT "PERIODS YOU CHOOSE IF YOU INVEST A LUMP SUM AT SPECIFIED INTEREST RATE."
PRINT "COMPUTES PAYMENT AMOUNT. "AS(12)
PRINT "4. AMOUNT YOU MUST INVEST NOW AT GIVEN INTEREST RATE TO BE ABLE TO "
PRINT "RECEIVE PAYMENT AT END OF EACH PERIOD FOR SPECIFIED LENGTH OF TIME. "
PRINT "COMPUTES AMOUNT REQUIRED. "AS(12):PRINT:PRINT AS(9):GOSUB 2000
250 PRINT CHR$(127):PRINT AS(1) REM ANNUITY INPUT
IF CHOICE=1 THEN PRINT "EACH PERIOD "AS(2):INPUT "RENT
IF CHOICE=2 THEN PRINT AS(3):INPUT "VALUE
IF CHOICE=3 THEN PRINT AS(2):INPUT "PERIOD
IF CHOICE=4 THEN PRINT\

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Program continues



Program continued

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"WHAT IS THE PAYMENT YOU WISH TO RECEIVE EACH PERIOD? $":INPUT "";:RENT
PRINT AS(4);:INPUT "";:INTEREST
IF CHOICE <> 3 THEN PRINT AS(5);:INPUT "";:YEARS
IF CHOICE = 3 THEN PRINT "PAYMENTS TO BE MADE "AS(5);:INPUT "";:YEARS
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=2 THEN PRINT "YOU WILL MAKE DEPOSITS WHAT "AS(6);:
INPUT "";:TIMES
IF CHOICE=3 OR CHOICE=4 THEN PRINT "YOU WILL GET PAYMENTS WHAT "AS(6);:
INPUT "";:TIMES
IF CHOICE=1 AND RENT<0 OR CHOICE=2 AND VALUE<0 OR CHOICE=3 AND DEPOSIT\
<0 OR CHOICE=4 AND RENT<0 OR INTEREST<0 OR YEARS<0 OR TIMES<0\
THEN PRINT "PLEASE REENTER VALUES FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT:PRINT CHR$(12);GOTO 250
N=YEARS*TIMES;R=INTEREST/(100*TIMES) REM ANNUITY COMPUTATIONS
A=(1+R)^(N+1);B=(1+R)^(N)
IF CHOICE=1 THEN VALUE=RENT*(A-(1+R))/R
IF CHOICE=2 THEN RENT=VALUE/((A-(1+R))/R)
IF CHOICE=3 THEN RENT=DEPOSIT/((1+R)/R)
IF CHOICE=4 THEN DEPOSIT=RENT*((1+R)/R)
PRINT CHR$(12) REM ANNUITY PRINTOUT
251 PRINT ES:PRINT
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=2 THEN PRINT "DEPOSITS OF "":PRINT USING DS;RENT
IF CHOICE=3 OR CHOICE=4 THEN PRINT "PAYMENTS OF "":PRINT USING DS;RENT
PRINT "TIMES: "TIMES A YEAR AT INTEREST OF "":PRINT USING RS;INTEREST
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=2 THEN PRINT "WILL BE WORTH "":PRINT USING DS;VALUE\
PRINT "AT THE END OF "":PRINT USING YS;YEARS;PRINT "YEARS."
IF CHOICE=3 OR CHOICE=4 THEN PRINT "FOR "":PRINT USING YS;YEARS;:
PRINT "YEARS:"PRINT "WILL REQUIRE AN INITIAL INVESTMENT OF "":
PRINT USING DS;DEPOSIT
PRINT ES:PRINT
IF FLAG=0 THEN GOSUB 2100
IF FLAG=0 THEN 252
PRINT:PRINT "END OF PERIOD:"TAB(18);"BALANCE" REM TABLE PRINTOUT
R=INTEREST/(100*TIMES);N=YEARS*TIMES
FOR X=1 TO N
IF FLAG=1 AND X/22=INT(X/22) THEN PRINT AS(14);:INPUT "";:LINE ZS:PRINT
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=2 THEN
PRINT TAB(6);X;TAB(14);:PRINT USING DS;RENT*((1+R)^(X+1)-(1+R))/R
IF CHOICE=3 OR CHOICE=4 THEN PRINT TAB(6);X;TAB(14);:
PRINT USING DS;RENT*((1+R)^(X+1)-(1+R))/R
NEXT X
IF FLAG=2 THEN CONSOLE:FLAG=0:GOTO 253
252 GOSUB 2200
IF FLAG=2 THEN 251
253 GOSUB 2300
PRINT CHR$(12);ON PICK GOTO 250,200,10,5000

300 PRINT CHR$(12) REM ADD ON MENU
PRINT "BUYING ON INSTALLMENTS - ADD ON INTEREST, EQUAL PAYMENTS:"PRINT
PRINT "1. FOR PURCHASE OF ITEM WHERE COST, ADD ON INTEREST AND NUMBER OF"
PRINT "MONTHS ARE GIVEN. COMPUTES PAYMENTS AND ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE ."
PRINT "2. FOR PURCHASE OF ITEM WHERE COST, MONTHLY PAYMENT AND NUMBER"
PRINT "OF MONTHS ARE GIVEN. COMPUTES ADD ON INTEREST RATE AND ANNUAL"
PRINT "PERCENTAGE RATE.":PRINT:PRINT AS(9)
301 YI=CONCHART REM CHOICE OF 1 OR 2
IF YI=(12) THEN 301
IF YI<(49) OR YI>(50) THEN PRINT CHR$(127);\
PRINT "PRESS NUMBER 1 OR 2 PLEASE"FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT X:GOTO 301
CHOICE=YI-48
350 PRINT CHR$(127);PRINT:PRINT AS(1) REM ADD ON INPUT
PRINT AS(10);:INPUT "";:COST
IF CHOICE=1 THEN PRINT "ADD-ON AT "AS(4);:INPUT "";:INTEREST
IF CHOICE=2 THEN PRINT "WHAT IS THE MONTHLY PAYMENT? "":INPUT "";:MO.PAYMENT
PRINT AS(11);:INPUT "";:MONTHS
IF COST<0 OR CHOICE=1 AND INTEREST<0 OR CHOICE=2 AND MONTHS<0 THEN\
PRINT:PRINT "PLEASE REENTER VALUES FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT:PRINT CHR$(12);GOTO 350
IF CHOICE=2 AND MO.PAYMENT*MONTHS<COST THEN PRINT\
"*** PAYMENT NOT SUFFICIENT TO PAY LOAN AND INTEREST. PLEASE REENTER ***"\
FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT:PRINT CHR$(12);GOTO 350
IF CHOICE=1 THEN MO.PAYMENT=COST*(INTEREST/1200)+COST/MONTHS
IF CHOICE=2 THEN ADD.ON=(MO.PAYMENT-COST/MONTHS)*1200/COST
PRINT CHR$(12) REM ADD ON PRINT
351 PRINT ES:PRINT:PRINT "PURCHASE OF ITEM AT COST OF "":PRINT USING DS;COST
IF CHOICE=1 THEN PRINT "AT "":PRINT USING RS;INTEREST;PRINT "ADD ON INTEREST"
IF CHOICE=2 THEN PRINT "WITH MONTHLY PAYMENT OF "":PRINT USING DS;MO.PAYMENT
PRINT "FOR "":PRINT USING YS;MONTHS;PRINT "MONTHS"
IF CHOICE=1 THEN PRINT "MONTHLY PAYMENT WILL BE "":PRINT USING DS;MO.PAYMENT
IF CHOICE=2 THEN PRINT "ADD-ON INTEREST RATE IS "":PRINT USING RS;ADD.ON
IF FLAG<2 THEN PRINT "*** COMPUTING ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE---PLEASE WAIT ***"
IF FLAG=2 THEN GOTO 354
I=MO.PAYMENT/COST;IO=MO.PAYMENT/COST REM APR COMPUTATION
352 TEST=I*(1-(1/(1+IO)^MONTHS))
APR=TEST*1200;DIFF=IO-TEST;IO=TEST
IF DIFF>0.000001 THEN 352
PRINT CHR$(30);CHR$(01)
354 PRINT "ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE IS "":PRINT USING RS;APR;PRINT ES:PRINT
IF FLAG=2 THEN CONSOLE:FLAG=0:GOTO 353
GOSUB 2200
IF FLAG=2 THEN 351
353 GOSUB 2300
PRINT CHR$(12);ON PICK GOTO 350,300,10,5000

400 PRINT CHR$(12) REM INSTALL LOAN MENU
PRINT "BUYING ON INSTALLMENTS - PAYMENTS OF EQUAL PRINCIPAL PLUS INTEREST:"PRINT
PRINT "COMPUTES MONTHLY PAYMENTS WHERE INTEREST IS CHARGED ON REDUCED BALANCE"
PRINT AS(12);:PRINT "AND COMPUTES EACH PAYMENT."
450 PRINT:PRINT AS(10);:INPUT "";:COST REM INSTALL LOAN INPUT
PRINT AS(4);:INPUT "";:INTEREST:PRINT AS(11);:INPUT "";:MONTHS
IF COST<0 OR INTEREST<0 OR MONTHS<0 THEN PRINT:\
PRINT AS(16);:FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT:PRINT CHR$(12);GOTO 450
PRINT CHR$(12) REM INSTALL LOAN COMPUTATION
451 PRINT ES:PRINT:PRINT "PURCHASE OF ITEM AT COST OF "":PRINT USING DS;COST
PRINT "INTEREST RATE OF "":PRINT USING RS;INTEREST
PRINT "TO BE PAID FOR OVER "":PRINT USING YS;MONTHS;PRINT "MONTHS"
R=INTEREST/1200;MO.PRIN=COST/MONTHS REM INSTALL LOAN PRINT
PRINT:PRINT TAB(10);"BALANCE BEFORE:"TAB(65);"TOTAL"
PRINT "MONTH:"TAB(13);"PAYMENT:"TAB(28);"INTEREST:"TAB(44);"PRINCIPAL:"\
TAB(64);"PAYMENT"
FOR X=1 TO MONTHS
IF FLAG=0 AND X/17=INT(X/17) THEN PRINT:PRINT AS(14);:
INPUT "";:LINE ZS:PRINT
BALANCE=COST-(MO.PRIN*(X-1));MO.INT=BALANCE*R;TOTAL=MO.PRIN+MO.INT;PRINT\
TAB(2);X;TAB(6);:PRINT USING DS;BALANCE;TAB(22);:PRINT USING DS;MO.INT;\
TAB(39);:PRINT USING DS;MO.PRIN;TAB(57);:PRINT USING DS;TOTAL;NEXT X
PRINT:PRINT ES
IF FLAG=2 THEN CONSOLE:FLAG=0:GOTO 452
GOSUB 2200
IF FLAG=2 THEN 451
452 GOSUB 2300
PRINT CHR$(12);ON PICK GOTO 450,400,10,5000

500 PRINT CHR$(12) REM LOAN AMORT MENU
PRINT "AMORTIZED LOANS -PAYMENT TABLES:"PRINT
PRINT "1. LOAN TO BE PAID IN EQUAL PAYMENTS INCLUDING PRINCIPAL"
PRINT "AND INTEREST. DETERMINES AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.":PRINT AS(12)
PRINT "2. FOR PAYMENT OF GIVEN AMOUNT, DETERMINES PERIOD REQUIRED"
PRINT "TO PAY OFF LOAN. COMPUTES LAST PAYMENT IF DIFFERENT.":PRINT AS(12)
PRINT "3. BALANCE FOR PAY OFF OR BALLOON PAYMENT COMPUTED AFTER"
PRINT "CERTAIN NUMBER OF PAYMENTS ON LOAN WHERE PAYMENTS DETERMINED"
PRINT "AS IN 1.":AS(12)
PRINT "4. BALANCE FOR PAY OFF OR BALLOON PAYMENT COMPUTED AFTER"
PRINT "CERTAIN NUMBER OF PAYMENTS ON LOAN WHERE PAYMENTS DETERMINED"
PRINT "AS IN 2.":AS(12);PRINT:PRINT AS(9);GOSUB 2000
550 PRINT CHR$(127);PRINT:PRINT AS(1) REM LOAN AMORT INPUT
PRINT "WHAT IS AMOUNT OF LOAN? $":INPUT "";:LOAN
IF CHOICE=2 OR CHOICE=4 THEN PRINT "WHAT IS AMOUNT OF PAYMENT? $":\
INPUT "";:PAYMENT
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=3 THEN PRINT "PAYMENTS SCHEDULE FOR "":AS(5);:
INPUT "";:YEARS
PRINT AS(4);:INPUT "";:INTEREST:PRINT AS(6);:INPUT "";:TIMES
IF CHOICE=3 OR CHOICE=4 THEN PRINT\
"AFter HOW MANY PAYMENTS DO YOU WANT BALANCE? "":INPUT "";:NUMBER;BAL.FLAG=1

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Program continues

When you purchase an apartment house, there is a second trust deed note for \$100,000 with monthly payments based on a 30 year schedule at 13 percent, all due in three years. How much will the balloon payment be? (Loan amortization menu option 3)

A loan of \$100,000.00 with payments  
12 times a year at interest of 13.00%  
for 30 years  
requires payments of \$1,106.20  
at end of 36 payments, balance is \$98,999.76

Period	Principal	Interest	Balance
1	\$22.87	\$1,083.33	\$99,977.13
2	\$23.11	\$1,083.09	\$99,954.02
3	\$23.36	\$1,082.84	\$99,930.66
4	\$23.62	\$1,082.58	\$99,907.04
5	\$23.87	\$1,082.33	\$99,883.16
6	\$24.13	\$1,082.07	\$99,859.03
7	\$24.39	\$1,081.81	\$99,834.64
8	\$24.66	\$1,081.54	\$99,809.98
9	\$24.92	\$1,081.27	\$99,785.06
10	\$25.19	\$1,081.00	\$99,759.86
11	\$25.47	\$1,080.73	\$99,734.39
12	\$25.74	\$1,080.46	\$99,708.65
13	\$26.02	\$1,080.18	\$99,682.63
14	\$26.30	\$1,079.90	\$99,656.32
15	\$26.59	\$1,079.61	\$99,629.74
16	\$26.88	\$1,079.32	\$99,602.86
17	\$27.17	\$1,079.03	\$99,575.69
18	\$27.46	\$1,078.74	\$99,548.23
19	\$27.76	\$1,078.44	\$99,520.47
20	\$28.06	\$1,078.14	\$99,492.40
21	\$28.37	\$1,077.83	\$99,464.04
22	\$28.67	\$1,077.53	\$99,435.37
23	\$28.98	\$1,077.22	\$99,406.38
24	\$29.30	\$1,076.90	\$99,377.09
25	\$29.61	\$1,076.59	\$99,347.47
26	\$29.94	\$1,076.26	\$99,317.54
27	\$30.26	\$1,075.94	\$99,287.28
28	\$30.59	\$1,075.61	\$99,256.69
29	\$30.92	\$1,075.28	\$99,225.77
30	\$31.25	\$1,074.95	\$99,194.52
31	\$31.59	\$1,074.61	\$99,162.93
32	\$31.93	\$1,074.27	\$99,130.99
33	\$32.28	\$1,073.92	\$99,098.71
34	\$32.63	\$1,073.57	\$99,066.08
35	\$32.98	\$1,073.22	\$99,033.10
36	\$33.34	\$1,072.86	\$98,999.76

Example 5

You can buy a trust deed note due in five years which had an original face amount of \$60,000, equal monthly payments over 10 years, and interest rate of 12 percent. How much should you pay for the note to earn 15 percent per year? (Yield menu option 1)

Purchase of note with \$60,000.00 face  
compounded 12 times a year at interest of 12.00%  
maturing in five years  
with original term 10 years  
for a yield of 15.00%  
must be purchased at a price of \$36,184.46  
periodic payment will be \$860.83  
remaining balance should be \$51,649.54

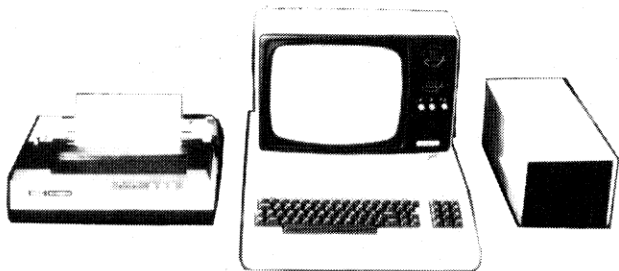
Example 6

If you pay 84 for a \$1000 bond paying 11.5 percent semi-annually, maturing in 12 years, what will be your annual rate of return (yield to maturity)? (Yield menu option 4)

Purchase of note with \$1,000.00 face  
compounded two times a year at interest of 11.50%  
maturing in 12 years  
for a price of \$840.00  
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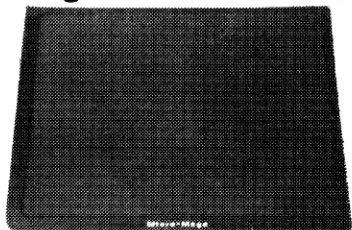
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IF CHOICE=2 AND PAYMENT<0 OR CHOICE=4 AND PAYMENT<0 OR LOAN<0 OR CHOICE=1
AND YEARS<0 OR CHOICE=3 AND YEARS<0 OR INTEREST<0 OR TIMES<0\
OR CHOICE=3 AND NUMBER<0 OR CHOICE=4 AND NUMBER<0\
THEN PRINT "PRINT AS(15):FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT:PRINT CHRS(12):GOTO 550
REM LOAN AMORT COMPUTATIONS
N-YEARS=TIMES:R=INTEREST/(100*TIMES):B=(1+R)^(-(N-D)*(1+R))-(-(N-NUMBER))
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=3 THEN PAYMENT=LOAN*R/(1-B)
C=LOAN*/PAYMENT
IF C>=1 AND CHOICE=2 OR C>=1 AND CHOICE=4 THEN PRINT:
PRINT "*** PAYMENT NOT ENOUGH FOR INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ***":
PRINT "PLEASE INPUT A DIFFERENT PAYMENT WHEN PROMPTED AND TRY AGAIN":
FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT:PRINT CHRS(12):GOTO 550
IF CHOICE=3 THEN BALLOON=PAYMENT*((1-D)/R)
IF ACCPRN-PAY=ACCPRN-PAY THEN N=LOG(1/(1-C))/LOG(1+R)
IF CHOICE=2 AND N>INT(N) THEN E=(1+R)^(-(N-INT(N))):
LAST-PAY=PAYMENT*((1-E)/R)*(1+R)
IF CHOICE=4 AND N>INT(N) THEN F=(1+R)^(-(N-NUMBER)):BALLOON=PAYMENT*((1-F)/R)
PRINT CHRS(12) REM AMORT SUMMARY PRINTOUT
551 PRINT RS:PRINT "A LOAN OF ":PRINT USING D5:LOAN:
PRINT " WITH PAYMENTS ":PRINT TIMES:AS(15):PRINT USING RS:INTEREST
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=3 THEN PRINT "FOR "YEARS:" YEARS":
PRINT "REQUIRES PAYMENTS OF": PRINT USING D5:PAYMENT
IF CHOICE=2 OR CHOICE=4 THEN PRINT "EACH PAYMENT ":
PRINT USING D5:PAYMENT:PRINT "REQUIRES PAYMENTS FOR ":
PRINT USING Y5:N/TIMES:PRINT "YEARS"
IF N>INT(N) AND CHOICE=2 THEN
PRINT "LAST PAYMENT WILL BE ":PRINT USING D5:LAST-PAY
IF CHOICE=3 OR CHOICE=4 THEN PRINT
AT END OF "NUMBER:" PAYMENTS, BALANCE IS ":PRINT USING D5:BALLOON
PRINT RS:PRINT
IF FLAG=0 THEN GOSUB 2100
IF FLAG=0 THEN 552
PRINT:ACCPRN-PAY=0 REM AMORTIZATION TABLE PRINTOUT
PRINT "PERIOD":TAB(15):"PRINCIPAL":TAB(32):"INTEREST":TAB(49):"BALANCE"
IF BAL-FLAG=0 THEN FOR X=1 TO N
IF BAL-FLAG=1 THEN FOR X=1 TO NUMBER
PRIN-PAY=(PAYMENT-(LOAN*R))*(1+R)^(X-1) INT-PAY=PAYMENT-PRIN-PAY
ACCPRN-PAY=ACCPRN-PAY+PRIN-PAY:PRIN-PAY=BAL-LOAN-ACCPRN-PAY
IF FLAG=1 AND X/17=INT(X/17) THEN PRINT AS(14):INPUT "LINE ZS:PRINT
PRINT TAB(2):X:TAB(17):PRINT USING D5:PRIN-PAY:TAB(26):PRINT USING D5:
INT-PAY:TAB(42):PRINT USING D5:
IF BAL-FLAG=1 THEN NEXT X
IF BAL-FLAG=0 THEN NEXT X
BAL-FLAG=0
IF N>INT(N) AND CHOICE=2 THEN PRINT TAB(2):X:TAB(10):PRINT USING D5:
LOAN-ACCPRN-PAY:TAB(26):PRINT USING D5:LOAN-ACCPRN-PAY:R:TAB(42):PRINT
USING D5:PRINT:PRINT "NOTE: LAST PAYMENT IS REQUIRED PAYOFF AT END OF LOAN"
IF FLAG=2 THEN GOTO 553
552 GOSUB 2200
IF FLAG=2 THEN 551
553 GOSUB 2300
PRINT CHRS(12):ON PICK GOTO 550,500,10,5000

600 PRINT CHRS(12) REM YIELD MENU
PRINT "BUYING LOANS FOR A CERTAIN YIELD":PRINT
PRINT "1. DETERMINE PRICE TO BE PAID FOR NOTE WITH EQUAL PAYMENTS INCLUDING"
PRINT "INTEREST AT GIVEN INTEREST RATE TO OBTAIN DESIRED RATE OF RETURN."
PRINT "2. DETERMINE APPROXIMATE PRICE TO BE PAID FOR NOTE OR BOND WITH PERIODIC INTEREST"
PRINT "ONLY PAYMENTS AND PRINCIPAL PAID ON MATURITY TO OBTAIN DESIRED RATE OF"
PRINT "RETURN."
PRINT "3. DETERMINE APPROXIMATE RETURN ON NOTE PURCHASED FOR CERTAIN AMOUNT"
PRINT "WHERE NOTE PAYABLE IN PAYMENTS INCLUDING INTEREST AT GIVEN RATE."
PRINT "4. DETERMINE APPROXIMATE RETURN ON AMOUNT PAID FOR A NOTE OR BOND"
PRINT " WITH PERIODIC INTEREST ONLY PAYMENTS, PRINCIPAL PAID ON MATURITY."
PRINT:PRINT AS(9):GOSUB 2000
650 PRINT CHRS(127):PRINT:PRINT AS(1) REM YIELD INPUT
PRINT "WHAT IS ORIGINAL PRICE VALUE OF NOTE? $":INPUT "":FACE
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=3 THEN
PRINT "WHAT WAS ORIGINAL NUMBER OF YEARS OF NOTE? ":INPUT "":ORIGINAL
PRINT AS(4):INPUT "INTEREST:PRINT "NOTE MATURES IN ":AS(5):INPUT "YEARS"
IF CHOICE=1 AND YEARS>ORIGINAL OR CHOICE=3 AND YEARS>ORIGINAL
THEN PRINT "TIME LEFT EXCEEDED ORIGINAL TERM. REENTER***":
FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT:PRINT CHRS(12):GOTO 650
PRINT "PAYMENTS MADE WHAT ":AS(6):INPUT "TIMES"
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=2 THEN
PRINT "WHAT IS ANNUAL INTEREST YOU REQUIRE ON NOTE? ":INPUT "YIELD"
IF CHOICE=3 OR CHOICE=4 THEN
PRINT "WHAT WILL YOU PAY FOR THE NOTE? $":INPUT "PAID"
IF CHOICE=1 AND ORIGINAL<0 OR CHOICE=3 AND ORIGINAL<0 OR FACE<0 OR
INTEREST<0 OR YEARS<0 OR TIMES<0 OR CHOICE=1 AND YIELD<0 OR
CHOICE=2 AND YIELD<0 OR CHOICE=3 AND PAID<0 OR CHOICE=4 AND PAID<0\
THEN PRINT AS(16):FOR X=1 TO 20:NEXT:PRINT CHRS(12):GOTO 650
N-YEARS=TIMES:R=INTEREST/(TIMES*100):Y=Y*FID/(TIMES*100):G=(1+Y)^(-N)
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=3 THEN O=(1+R)^(-(ORIGINAL*TIMES)):
Z=FACE*(R/(1-O))*N
IF CHOICE=1 THEN PRICE=FACE*(R/(1-O))*((1-G)/Y)
IF CHOICE=2 THEN PRICE=FACE*(R/(1-O))*((1-G)/Y)
IF CHOICE=3 THEN PRICE=FACE*(R/(1-O))*((1-G)/Y)
IF CHOICE=4 THEN COMP=(FACE-PAID)/(FACE*YEARS)
IF CHOICE=3 THEN COMP=(Z-PAID)/(Z*YEARS*2)
IF CHOICE=3 OR CHOICE=4 THEN ADD=INT((10000*COMP)/(10000*TIMES)):
GUESS1=PAID+ADD:GUESS2=GUESS1+ADD
IF CHOICE=3 THEN PRICE1=Z/N*((1-H)/GUESS1)
IF CHOICE=4 THEN PRICE1=FACE*H+PAYMENT*((1-H)/GUESS1)
IF PRICE1>PAID THEN GUESS2=GUESS1+ADD
IF PRICE1<PAID THEN GUESS2=GUESS1-ADD
J=(1+GUESS2)^(-N)
IF CHOICE=3 THEN PRICE2=FACE*(R/(1-O))*((1-J)/GUESS2)
IF CHOICE=4 THEN PRICE2=FACE*J+PAYMENT*((1-J)/GUESS2)
APPROX=((PRICE1-PAID)/(PRICE1-PRICE2)/(GUESS2-GUESS1)*TIMES+
(GUESS1*TIMES))*100
PRINT CHRS(12) REM YIELD PRINT
651 PRINT RS:PRINT:PRINT "PURCHASE OF NOTE WITH ":PRINT USING D5:FACE:
PRINT "FACE":PRINT "COMPOUNDED ":TIMES:AS(15):PRINT USING RS:INTEREST
PRINT "MATURING IN "YEARS:" YEARS"
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=3 THEN PRINT "WITH ORIGINAL TERM "ORIGINAL:" YEARS"
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=2 THEN PRINT "FOR A YIELD OF ":PRINT USING RS:YIELD:
PRINT "MUST BE PURCHASED AT A PRICE OF ":PRINT USING D5:PRICE
IF CHOICE=1 OR CHOICE=3 THEN PRINT "PERIODIC PAYMENT WILL BE ":
PRINT USING D5:FACE*(R/(1-O)):
PRINT "REMAINING BALANCE SHOULD BE ":PRINT USING D5:D2
IF CHOICE=3 OR CHOICE=4 THEN PRINT "FOR A PRICE OF ":PRINT USING D5:PAID:
PRINT "WILL PRODUCE A YIELD OF APPROXIMATELY ":PRINT USING RS:APPROX
PRINT RS
IF FLAG=2 THEN GOTO 652
IF FLAG=2 THEN 651
652 GOSUB 2300
PRINT CHRS(12):ON PICK GOTO 650,600,10,5000

2000 YI=CONCHARZ REM CHOOSE 1 TO 4 ROUTINE
IF YI=(32) THEN 2000
IF YI=(49) OR YI=(52) THEN PRINT CHRS(127):
PRINT "PRESS NUMBER FROM 1 TO 4 PLEASE":
FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT X:GOTO 2000
IF SUB-FLAG=0 THEN CHOICE=YI-48:RETURN
IF SUB-FLAG=1 THEN PICK=YI-48:RETURN
2100 PRINT AS(13):PRINT AS(8) REM SCREEN PRINT ROUTINE
2110 YI=CONCHARZ
IF YI=(32) THEN 2110
IF YI=(83) OR YI=(115) THEN PRINT CHRS(127):FLAG=1:RETURN
PRINT CHRS(127):FLAG=0:RETURN
2200 PRINT:PRINT AS(7):PRINT AS(8) REM PRINTER ROUTINE
2210 YI=CONCHARZ
IF YI=(32) THEN 2210
IF YI=(80) OR YI=(112) THEN PRINT CHRS(127):LPRINTER WIDTH 80:
FLAG=2:RETURN
PRINT CHRS(127):FLAG=0:RETURN
2300 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT "PLEASE PRESS APPROPRIATE KEY:" REM MENU CHOICE
PRINT "1 WILL RUN THIS ROUTINE AGAIN:" PRINT "2 WILL RETURN TO SUB MENU"
PRINT "3 WILL RETURN TO MAIN MENU:"PRINT "4 WILL END THE PROGRAM."
SUB-FLAG=1:GOSUB 2000:SUB-FLAG=0:RETURN
5000 PRINT CHRS(12):"END OF PROGRAM":STOP

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questions.

## File Names

The file names have a standard format and an extension holds the key to the test format. The last letter of the extension keys this. The MC extension gives one test format while the SA, TF, and COM extensions use another format. An example of a file name would be PSYCH16/MC.

## Three Program Options

The write option stores test items on the file in two available formats. The first, for multiple choice items, stores the text of the question, the letter of the correct answer and an appropriate chapter number. The text may be 253 characters. Although Basic accepts only up to 240 characters you may edit in additional characters later. An example of a multiple choice

**R**ichard Eckert's article "Quizmaster" (*80 Microcomputing*, June 1980) prompted me to write a program I needed to file storage for multiple choice questions for a course I was teaching. I expanded the idea of random access disk files to other types of test item storage, various print formats and item editing. The program stores multiple choice (MC), completion (COM), true-false (TF) and short answer (SA)

## The Key Box

Basic Level II  
Model I  
32K RAM  
TRSDOS  
Line Printer I

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ITEM #3
TEXT? JAMES B. WATSON IS OFTEN CALLED THE FATHER OF ****
A) PSYCHOLOGY
B) BEHAVIORISM
C) HUMANISM
D) GESTALT PSYCHOLOGY

LETTER OF CORRECT ANSWER? B
CHAPTER NUMBER? 1
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*Fig. 1. Multiple choice example*

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ITEM #30
TEXT? JAMES B. WATSON IS OFTEN CALLED THE FATHER OF ****

CORRECT ANSWER? BEHAVIORISM
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*Fig. 2. Completion example*

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ITEM #18
TEXT? THE AREA OF A CIRCLE WITH A RADIUS OF 8 IS ****

CORRECT ANSWER? 64 PI
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*Fig. 3. Short answer example*

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ITEM #9
TEXT? THE SIDE OF A RIGHT TRIANGLE WHICH IS OPPOSITE THE RIGHT
ANGLE IS CALLED THE HYPOTHESIS.

CORRECT ANSWER? FALSE
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*Fig. 4. True/False example*

question is in Fig. 1. Remember to use the down arrow to go from one line to the next. Use the Enter key only when you have completed the text.

The other format stores 200 text characters and a 20 character correct answer. Figures 2, 3 and 4 show these item types.

Three read options print the test items.

- Dump prints test items including answers on the video screen in blocks of two multiple choice items or five general items.

- LDUMP prints test items including answers on the line printer at a rate of seven items per page for multiple choice and 25 items per page for other item types.

- LPRINT prints test items without answers on the line printer in an appropriate testing format. Printings are available with an answer blank for each item or with instructions to use a separate answer sheet. All read options delay printing each item. The program reads each item into a buffer before printing it. This supplies the printer with the needed characters and no string of blanks for unused fielded characters. Use the Edit option to change individual test items. After the selected item has been displayed you may choose to fix or replace part or all of the item.

The following Edit functions are available when you select the fix option: The space bar moves to the next character; C changes the next character; D deletes the next character; I allows an insert of one or more characters. To escape the insert, press the @ key. Pressing @ proceeds to the end of the item and restores it to the file with no further corrections. X extends the item.

When you select the replace option, the program discards the old item and requests an entirely new item to replace it. These Edit functions are like those in Level II Basic but not as comprehensive. ■

Robert Hawkes, previously an instructor in math and psychology, currently teaches computer programming.

## Program Listing

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100 REM TEST ITEM FILE PROGRAM
110 REM R. HAWKES
120 REM BERWICK ACADEMY, SO. BERWICK, MAINE
130 REM 1981
140 CLEAR 1000: DIM A(100): CLS
150 INPUT "NAME OF FILE"; F$
160 TF$ = RIGHT$(F$, 1)
170 INPUT "DO YOU WISH TO (READ) OR (WRITE) OR (EDIT)"; ZZ$
180 IF ZZ$ = "EDIT" THEN 1720
190 IF ZZ$ = "READ" THEN 560
200 IF ZZ$ = "WRITE" THEN 220
210 PRINT "REDO": GOTO 170
220 GOSUB 1540 : N = LOF(1): CLOSE
230 PRINT "LAST RECORD NUMBER IS"; N
240 GOSUB 1570
250 N = N + 1
260 CLS: PRINT "ITEM #:"; N
270 IF TF$ = "C" THEN 340
280 IF TF$ = "M" THEN 460
290 IF TF$ = "A" THEN 460
300 IF TF$ = "F" THEN 460
310 PRINT: PRINT "ANOTHER ITEM? Y OR N? "; GOSUB 2070
320 IF YN$ = "Y" THEN 250
330 GOSUB 2680
340 REM WRITE MC TEST
350 LINE INPUT "TEXT? "; B$
360 INPUT "LETTER OF CORRECT ANSWER"; C$
370 INPUT "CHAPTER NUMBER"; D
380 PRINT: PRINT "IS ITEM OK FOR STORAGE? Y OR N? "; GOSUB 2070
390 IF YN$ = "N" THEN 260
400 GOSUB 1540 : GOSUB 1550
410 LSET T$ = B$
420 LSET L$ = C$: LSET CN$ = MKI$(D)
430 PUT 1, N
440 CLOSE
450 GOTO 310
460 REM WRITE OTHER TESTS
470 LINE INPUT "TEXT? "; B$
480 INPUT "CORRECT ANSWER"; A$
490 PRINT: PRINT "IS ITEM OK FOR STORAGE? Y OR N? "; GOSUB 2070
500 IF YN$ = "N" THEN 260
510 GOSUB 1540 : GOSUB 1560
520 LSET T$ = B$: LSET AN$ = A$
530 PUT 1, N
540 CLOSE
550 GOTO 310
560 REM READ FILES
570 CLS: PRINT "INDICATE THE TYPE OF READ WANTED"
580 INPUT "(DUMP) OR (LDUMP) OR (LPRINT)"; TR$
590 IF TR$ = "DUMP" THEN 630
600 IF TR$ = "LDUMP" THEN 850
610 IF TR$ = "LPRINT" THEN 1070
620 PRINT "REDO": GOTO 580
630 CLS: PRINT F$
640 GOSUB 1540 : N = LOF(1): CLOSE
650 IF TF$ = "C" THEN 750
660 FOR I = 1 TO N
670 PRINT I; " ";
680 GOSUB 1540 : GOSUB 1560 : GET 1, I: CLOSE
690 GOSUB 1580
700 PRINT "ANS: "; AN$
710 IF I/5 = INT(I/5) THEN INPUT "PRESS ENTER"; Z$: CLS
720 NEXT I
730 PRINT: INPUT "END OF FILE - PRESS ENTER"; Z$
740 GOSUB 2680
750 FOR I = 1 TO N
760 PRINT I; " ";
770 GOSUB 1540 : GOSUB 1550 : GET 1, I: CLOSE
780 D = CVI(CN$)
790 GOSUB 1580
800 PRINT "ANSWER - "; L$, "CHAPTER #"; D
810 IF I/2 = INT(I/2) THEN INPUT "PRESS ENTER"; Z$: CLS
820 NEXT I
830 PRINT: INPUT "END OF FILE - PRESS ENTER"; Z$
840 GOSUB 2680
850 REM LDUMP
860 GOSUB 1640
870 LPRINT F$
880 GOSUB 1540 : N = LOF(1): CLOSE
890 IF TF$ = "C" THEN 980
900 FOR I = 1 TO N
910 LPRINT I; " ";
920 GOSUB 1540 : GOSUB 1560 : GET 1, I: CLOSE
930 GOSUB 1610
940 LPRINT TAB(55) "ANSWER: "; AN$
950 IF I/30 = INT(I/30) THEN LPRINT CHR$(12): LPRINT F$: LPRINT " "
960 NEXT I

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970 GOSUB 2680
980 FOR I=1 TO N
990 LPRINT I;" " ;
1000 GOSUB 1540 :GOSUB 1550 :GET 1,I:CLOSE
1010 D=CVI(CN$)
1020 GOSUB 1610
1030 LPRINT"ANSWER - ";L$,"CHAPTER # - ";D:LPRINT" "
1040 IF I/8=INT(I/8) THEN LPRINT CHR$(12):LPRINT F$
1050 NEXT I
1060 GOTO 2680
1070 REM FORMAL LPRINTS
1080 CLS:INPUT"HOW MANY TEST ITEMS NEEDED";NN
1090 FOR I=1 TO NN
1100 PRINT"INPUT RECORD #";I;
1110 INPUT A(I)
1120 NEXT I
1130 GOSUB 1640
1140 CLS:PRINT"IS THIS PART OF A LARGER TEST? Y OR N? ":GOSUB 20
70
1150 IF YN$="Y" INPUT"WHAT IS THE PART NUMBER";D8
1160 INPUT"IS THERE A SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET? YES OR NO";AS$
1170 IF YN$="Y" THEN LPRINT "PART";D8;" " ;
1180 IF TF$="C" THEN 1200
1190 GOTO 1370
1200 REM MC FORMAT
1210 IF AS$<>"YES" THEN 1250
1220 LPRINT "ON THE ANSWER SHEET CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE"
1230 LPRINT TAB(8)"CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH."
1240 GOTO 1270
1250 LPRINT"INSERT IN THE PARENTHESIS THE LETTER OF THE"
1260 LPRINT TAB(8)"CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH."
1270 LPRINT" "
1280 FOR I=1 TO NN
1290 LPRINT I;" " ;
1300 GOSUB 1540 :GOSUB 1550 :GET 1,A(I):CLOSE
1310 GOSUB 1610
1320 IF AS$<>"YES" LPRINT TAB(50) I;" " ( )
1330 IF I/8=INT(I/8) LPRINT CHR$(12):GOTO 1350
1340 LPRINT" "
1350 NEXT I
1360 GOSUB 2680
1370 REM PRINT FORMAT (OTHER)
1380 IF AS$<>"YES" THEN 1420
1390 LPRINT"ON THE ANSWER SHEET PLACE THE PROPER ANSWER FOR EACH"
"
1400 LPRINT TAB(8)"QUESTION IN THE PROPER BLANK."
1410 GOTO 1440
1420 LPRINT"PLACE IN THE PARENTHESIS THE PROPER ANSWER FOR"
1430 LPRINT TAB(8)"EACH QUESTION."
1440 LPRINT" "
1450 FOR I=1 TO NN
1460 LPRINT I;" " ;
1470 GOSUB 1540 :GOSUB 1550 :GET 1,A(I):CLOSE
1480 GOSUB 1610
1490 IF AS$<>"YES" LPRINT TAB(60) I;" " (
):GOTO 1510
1500 LPRINT" "
1510 PK=PEEK(16425):IF PK>60 LPRINT CHR$(12)
1520 NEXT I
1530 GOTO 2680
1540 OPEN"R",1,F$:RETURN
1550 FIELD 1,2 AS CN$,1 AS L$,253 AS T$:RETURN
1560 FIELD 1,200 AS T$,20 AS AN$:RETURN
1570 FOR WT=1 TO 1200:NEXT WT:RETURN
1580 LS=INSTR(T$," ")
1590 IF LS<>0 M$=LEFT$(T$,LS)
1600 PRINT M$:RETURN
1610 LS=INSTR(T$," ")
1620 IF LS<>0 M$=LEFT$(T$,LS) ELSE M$=T$
1630 LPRINT M$:RETURN
1640 REM PAPER
1650 CLS:PRINT"IS LINE PRINTER ON? Y OR N? ":GOSUB 2070
1660 IF YN$="Y" THEN 1680
1670 PRINT"PLEASE TURN IT ON":GOTO 1650
1680 POKE 16425,1
1690 CLS:PRINT"POSITION PAPER PROPERLY"
1700 INPUT"PRESS <ENTER> WHEN READY";ZM$
1710 RETURN
1720 REM EDITS
1730 INPUT"ITEM NUMBER";V:M$=" "
1740 IF TF$="C" THEN 1760
1750 GOSUB 1540 :GOSUB 1550 :GET 1,V:CLOSE:GOTO 2170
1760 GOSUB 1540 :GOSUB 1550 :GET 1,V
1770 D=CVI(CN$):CLOSE
1780 PRINT T$
1790 PRINT"ANS-";L$,"CHAPT # -";D
1800 PRINT"IS ITEM OK? Y OR N? ":GOSUB 2070
1810 IF YN$="Y" THEN 2490
1820 PRINT"INDICATE THE TYPE OF EDIT WANTED"
1830 INPUT"(ITEM) OR (TEXT) OR (OTHER)";ES$

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Program continues



Program continued

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1840 IF ES$="TEXT" THEN 1960
1850 IF ES$="ITEM" PRINT"DO OTHERS FIRST":PRINT
1860 PRINT"INDICATE (OK) OR MAKE THE CORRECTION"
1870 PRINT"ANS -";L$;:INPUT" OK";OK$
1880 IF OK$<>"OK" LSET L$=OK$
1890 PRINT"CHAPT # -";D;:INPUT" OK";OK$
1900 IF OK$<>"OK" THEN D=VAL(OK$):LSET CN$=MKI$(D)
1910 GOSUB 1540
1920 IF TF$="C" GOSUB 1550 ELSE GOSUB 1560
1930 PUT 1,V:CLOSE
1940 IF ES$<>"ITEM" THEN 2490
1950 REM EDIT TEXT (MC)
1960 PRINT"TEXT CORRECTION:":INPUT"(FIX) OR (REPLACE)";FR$
1970 IF FR$="FIX" THEN 2120
1980 LINE INPUT"TEXT? ";B$
1990 PRINT:PRINT"OK FOR STORAGE? Y OR N? ":GOSUB 2070
2000 IF YN$="Y" THEN 2040
2010 INPUT"ANOTHER TRY? Y OR N? ":GOSUB 2070
2020 IF YN$="Y" THEN 1980
2030 GOTO 2490
2040 GOSUB 1540 :GOSUB 1550
2050 LSET T$=B$:PUT 1,V:CLOSE
2060 GOTO 2490
2070 REM INKEY$ ROUTINE FOR YES OR NO
2080 YN$=INKEY$:IF YN$="" THEN 2080
2090 IF YN$<>"Y" AND YN$<>"N" THEN 2080
2100 RETURN
2110 REM FIX MC
2120 LS=INSTR(T$,""):GOSUB 2320
2130 GOSUB 1540 :GOSUB 1550
2140 LSET T$=M$:PUT 1,V
2150 CLOSE
2160 GOTO 2490
2170 REM EDIT OTHER TESTS
2180 PRINT T$
2190 PRINT AN$
2200 INPUT"IS ANSWER OK";YN$
2210 IF YN$="YES" THEN 2240
2220 INPUT"NEW ANSWER";A$
2230 GOSUB 1540 :GOSUB 1560 :LSET AN$=A$:PUT 1,V:CLOSE
2240 PRINT"IS TEXT OK? Y OR N? ":GOSUB 2070
2250 IF YN$="Y" THEN 2300
2260 LS=INSTR(T$,""):GOSUB 2320
2270 GOSUB 1540 :GOSUB 1560
2280 LSET T$=M$:PUT 1,V
2290 CLOSE
2300 GOTO 2490
2310 LS=INSTR(T$,"")
2320 FOR II=1 TO LS
2330 A$=MID$(T$,II,1)
2340 IF I$="@" OR I$="X" THEN 2440
2350 IF II=1 PRINT "**";
2360 I$=INKEY$
2370 IF I$="" THEN 2360
2380 IF I$=" " THEN 2440
2390 IF I$="C" GOSUB 2530 :GOTO 2440
2400 IF I$="@" THEN 2440
2410 IF I$="I" GOSUB 2600 :GOTO 2440
2420 IF I$="D" GOSUB 2570 :GOTO 2470
2430 IF I$=";" THEN 2480
2440 M$=M$+A$
2450 PRINT A$;
2460 IF I$="X" AND II=LS-1 THEN GOSUB 2600
2470 NEXT II
2480 RETURN
2490 CLOSE:PRINT:PRINT "DO YOU WANT ANOTHER EDIT? Y OR N? ":GOS
UB 2070 :M$="":I$=""
2500 IF YN$="N" THEN 2690
2510 M$="":I$="":CLS:GOTO 1720
2520 END
2530 REM CHANGE THE LETTER
2540 A$=INKEY$
2550 IF A$="" THEN 2540
2560 RETURN
2570 REM DELETE A CHARACTER
2580 A$=""
2590 RETURN
2600 REM INSERT ROUTINE
2610 Q$=INKEY$
2620 IF Q$="" THEN 2610
2630 IF Q$="@" THEN 2670
2640 PRINT Q$;
2650 M$=M$+Q$
2660 GOTO 2610
2670 RETURN
2680 REM MORE?
2690 CLS:PRINT"DO YOU WISH FURTHER WORK ON THIS FILE? Y OR N? "
:GOSUB 2070
2700 IF YN$="Y" THEN 160
2710 END

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## Color these NJ second graders TRS-80

by Kerry Leichtman

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**A**s the Color Computer finds a home in schools across the country, more and more applications are being aimed at secondary and college students — a situation that concerned elementary teacher Marilyn Scarnaty of Bloomfield, NJ. So she decided to do something about it by writing computer programs for her classes.

"Many of the teaching packages sold glance over the younger students in favor of older kids," she said. "There should be more elementary school programs."

Scarnaty teaches second grade students designated as slow learners at the Kentopp School in East Orange, NJ. She has had success with her students using programs she wrote for the Color

Computer.

Two years ago representatives from Radio Shack visited the East Orange school district and demonstrated the Model I's teaching abilities. The district was impressed enough to send a few teachers to Radio Shack to learn more about educational computer uses, and to buy six Model I's. But, Scarnaty said, it

didn't go much further. Sometime later, the school bought a 16K Color Computer. Scarnaty took the computer home and experimented with it. Soon after, she bought a 4K machine for herself.

"Vowels are hard for children to comprehend," she told *80 Micro* in a telephone interview. "So once I got the hang of it, I started to write programs to help me teach them to the children." Elementary math concepts are also difficult to grasp, so she wrote programs on this subject too.

The kids love it, she said. Questions are put to them in multiple choice form. A right answer displays a happy face before asking the next question. The concept is constant reinforcement. "If a wrong answer is given, the program goes back to



Marilyn Scarnaty guides a student through a lesson on the Model I.

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the first question, so the student can work his way up to the one he got wrong," Scarnaty explained. After successfully completing a drill, the student is treated to a tune played for him by the computer. (See program listings.)

Although Scarnaty has just recently introduced the Color Computer to her second grade students, she has already documented its success with hard to dispute facts. Two weeks prior to a week long vacation she had her students work with her verb agreement program: the difference between usages of is and are, was and were; and her affixes program: proper use of the suffixes ed, s and ing.

The first thing she did with her students the Monday morning after vacation was test their comprehension on these skills. No review was given. The 20-question test was on paper and they had to write their answers in with pencil. "I was looking for

70 percent mastery," Scarnaty said, "and the entire class achieved 72 percent or better." In fact, only two students scored as low as 72 percent. Four students got all the questions right, three scored 96 percent, two 92 percent, one 88, two 84, three 80 and the remaining four 76 percent.

Did the students just happen to get lucky? To find out, Scarnaty gave them a second test. "Just for comparison," she told *80 Micro*, "I checked their addition and subtraction with regrouping, which was not computerized. We had been working on this for almost two months. They forgot what to do."

Not only are the children learning through the computer, but its presence is improving their classroom behavior. "They know if they misbehave, they're not going to be allowed to get a turn at the computer," Scarnaty said.

Scarnaty has become a believer in the computer's place in the classroom. She has given workshops and demonstrations

for other teachers and is hoping they and school administrators will take notice of its capabilities. "They put money out for things that don't work," she said. "The computer works. You don't finish with it and throw it away, you use it again and again. It will last for quite a while."

Scarnaty thinks it's unfortunate that some teachers see micros in the classroom as threats. "I use it as a supplement," she said. "Instead of getting one lesson across in a certain amount of time, I can get two across." Not only that, but teachers are being held more accountable for their students' progress. In Scarnaty's opinion, a computer in the classroom, rather than a threat, is more like job security. "With the big stress on teacher accountability, teachers are looking for any type of tool to aid them in the classroom. I have found the micro-computer to be such a tool. It's like old-fashioned teaching, you're just drilling them. ■

## PROGRAM LISTING

TITLE: VOWELS PROGRAM WRITTEN BY MARILYN SCARNATY

SAMPLE OF A 5-PART LESSON WRITTEN FOR A 4K COLOR COMPUTER.

SONG TUNE IS "WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR"

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5 PRINT"READ THE SENTENCES AND PICK THE CORRECT WORD"
10 PRINT" "
15 PRINT"1.HE WORE A...ON HIS HEAD."
20 PRINT" "
25 PRINT"1.BEAD 2.BAT 3.HAT"
30 PRINT" "
35 PRINT"PRESS YOUR ANSWER 1,2 OR 3"
40 PRINT" "
45 INPUT"PICK THE WORD WITH THE SHORT A SOUND AND PRESS
ENTER";A
50 PRINT" "
55 IF A=1 THEN PRINT"TRY AGAIN":GOTO 15
56 PRINT" "
57 IF A=2 THEN PRINT"TRY AGAIN":GOTO15
58 PRINT" "
60 IF A=3 THEN GOTO 65
65 CLS(5)
70 FOR H=15TO48
75 SET(H,5,5)
80 SET(H,20,5)
85 NEXT H
90 FOR V=5TO20
95 SET(15,V,5)
100 SET(48,V,5)
105 NEXT V
110 SET(32,13,8)
115 FOR H=28TO36
120 SET(H,16,4)
125 NEXT H
130 SET(25,10,3)
135 SET(38,10,3)
140 INPUT"PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE";AS
145 PRINT"2.THE BABY IS VERY...."
150 PRINT" "
165 PRINT"1.CUT 2.CUTE 3.NICE"
170 PRINT" "
175 PRINT"PRESS YOUR ANSWER 1 2 OR 3"
180 PRINT" "
185 INPUT"PICK THE WORD WITH THE LONG U SOUND AND PRESS
ENTER";A
190 IF A=1 THEN PRINT"TRY AGAIN":GOTO 145
191 PRINT" "
192 IF A=3 THEN PRINT"TRY AGAIN":GOTO 145
193 PRINT" "
195 IF A=2 THEN GOTO 200
200 CLS(4)
205 FOR H=15TO48
210 SET(H,5,5)
215 SET(H,20,5)

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220 NEXT H
225 FOR V=5TO20
230 SET(15,V,5)
235 SET(48,V,5)

240 NEXT V
245 SET(32,13,8)
250 FOR H=28TO36
255 SET(H,16,4)
260 NEXT H
265 SET(25,10,3)
270 SET(38,10,3)
275 INPUT"PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE";AS
280 PRINT"HOW MANY DID YOU GET RIGHT?"
285 PRINT" "
290 PRINT"1.HAT 2.CUTE"
295 PRINT" "
300 INPUT"PRESS YOUR NUMBER RIGHT 1 OR 2 AND PRESS
ENTER";A
305 IF A=1 THEN PRINT"DO OVER":GOTO 5
310 IF A=2 THEN GOTO 315
315 SOUND89,6
320 SOUND176,6
325 SOUND165,6
330 SOUND159,6
335 SOUND140,4
340 SOUND147,6
345 SOUND185,8
350 SOUND125,6
355 SOUND193,6
360 SOUND185,6
365 SOUND176,6
370 SOUND170,6
375 SOUND176,6
380 SOUND197,8
385 SOUND204,6
390 SOUND197,6
395 SOUND193,6
400 SOUND185,6
405 SOUND176,6
410 SOUND165,6
415 SOUND159,6
420 SOUND147,6
425 SOUND185,8
430 SOUND125,8
435 SOUND176,9
440 PRINT" "
445 PRINT"TYPE CLOUD AND PRESS ENTER"
450 STOP

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# No home for PO E-Mail

The information revolution won't be delivered to your door by the U.S. Postal Service if it follows a recommendation in a study by the National Research Council.

In making the recommendation, the council—a private organization that conducts studies at the request of the federal government—concurred with a policy worked out during the Carter administration: An end-to-end electronic delivery system departs too much from the basic character of the postal service and duplicates too closely services being developed in the private sector.

The council, in the report requested by the postal service, recommended the federal agency promote and develop computer-based mail systems to enhance only the physical delivery of messages.

The postal service's fledgling steps in computer-generated mail delivery have come under attack from private firms adverse to competing in the market with an agency ungoverned by the strict rules of profit and loss. According to some observers, the firms fear the post office will eventually monopolize E-mail.

"On the one hand," the council observed, "we see an opportunity for the postal service to improve its efficiency of delivering messages by use of electronics; on the other hand, we see direct competition with the private sector for this segment of its business."

The group went on to say: "A solution that is being tested in the telecommunications industry is the fully separate subsidiary. Such an approach tends to isolate the costs in order to avoid cross subsidies, but the solution itself is not without cost.

"Too great a separation would eliminate one of the advantages of allowing the postal service to offer electronic mail—the ability to integrate electronic technology into conventional mail handling."

The report added E-mail should be an independent unit within the postal service with a degree of managerial and financial independence from regular mail operations.

Competition from private firms in the E-mail business is accelerating, the report said. It maintained if the post office's electronic services are to remain competitive, the agency must be able to change its rates faster: "It now takes at least eight to nine months for the postal service to adjust its rates. Since the commercial competition is much more flexible, the postal

## Mail's a whale of a business

**W**ith assets of nearly \$4 billion, the U.S. Postal Service is a big business.

In 1980, it had 650,000 workers, maintained 39,000 post offices, incurred operating expenses of more than \$19 billion and generated \$17 billion in revenues.

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In 1980, 95 percent of the first class mail sent in a local or metropolitan area was delivered overnight; 86 percent headed for an address within a 600 mile radius of origin was delivered within two days; and 87 percent outside 600 miles was delivered within three days.

Postal rates in the United States are less than half the rates in France, Sweden and Germany; slightly greater than half the rates in Great Britain and Japan.

According to the 1976 RCA study, E-Mail could bring mail costs down to \$19.50 per 1,000 letters. In 1978, it cost \$65 to handle 1,000 letters.

However, the National Research Council warned decision-makers to be careful about the RCA study. It predicted E-mail would be handling 20 billion pieces of mail within 20 years, a figure questioned by later studies. The RCA study also maintained that competition from private, end-to-end E-mail providers would be insubstantial.

Not only will competition be fierce, the council contended, but it could hurt the postal service's ability to maintain a competitive E-mail system: "Since employees of the postal service cannot be terminated after six years of service, it could find itself with an overstaffed and overpriced national service whose costs are higher than those of competitors and cannot be easily lowered." ■

service may find its competitors have a six- to nine-month lead."

The council warned the postal service against tying its current experimentation to long-range plans. The electronic mail system that emerges in 20 years, the report said, may not bear much resemblance to the one suggested to the postal service in a study done for it by RCA.

"The postal service should concentrate its efforts primarily on implementing discrete services to test and develop the market," the council recommended. "How far and in what direction electronic mail will evolve from these initial services is difficult to foresee. Hence, the evolution of services arising out of ECOM or other discrete services should not be forced to con-

form to some long-term system design... in advance of operating and market experience."

The report also recommended the postal service consult with its unions' representatives when developing plans for E-mail.

"We wish to emphasize that our concern is not that electronic mail alone will cause labor problems," the report said, "but that its implementation could be delayed because of cumulative labor problems that may, at particular times, require layoffs that cannot be immediately absorbed by attrition."

It went on to note labor leaders "would present no serious obstacle to implement-

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**E-MAIL** *continued*

ing electronic mail or other postal changes. They have all declared that their primary concern is to make the postal service competitive with alternate methods of communication."

Not only do the postal unions "strongly" favor electronic mail, the council maintained, but "the unions are impatient with the slowness with which the postal service has moved."

"They know," the report said of the unions, "that steady employment for their members depends on the continued viability of the postal service. They are prepared to accept fewer jobs that may come with electronic mail in order to increase the postal service's overall ability to maintain or increase its business."

"Postal employees and the leadership of the postal unions appear to have a genuine concern for the welfare of the postal

service.

"This is a valuable resource to be developed and used, for it provides the potential for cooperation with and support for management in adjusting to electronic mail and other changes."

"The postal service should accept at face value the unions' stated desire to contribute to the success of electronic mail. Union participation should take place in the initial stages, when changes are first being considered and planned. It should not wait until concrete proposals have been developed, thereby effectively foreclosing many alternatives and considerations."

Since the postal service will eschew an end-to-end electronic system, the report noted, the most sensitive material the agency's E-mail will be called on to deliver will probably be mailing lists, information on gross revenues and data on contractual actions. In that case, it said, "encrypt-

ing all electronic mail should not be given a high priority."

However, the council said: "The postal service should establish strong internal security procedures for handling electronic messages. These procedures should be designed to prevent any employee or group of employees from browsing through the mails, from aggregating the mail to any one user, or from extracting mailing lists."

"If the postal service markets communications links as part of electronic mail, it should offer to encrypt messages as a special service option."

The council also recommended the postal service be exempted from Federal Communications Commission requirements to journalize electronic mail messages for up to six months. "This requirement seems to be an unnecessary threat to personal privacy," the report observed. ■

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Kandel began the guild in April 1981. He

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The final product can be sent to a client in any form: word-processed final draft, camera plates from a phototypesetter or as printed documents ready for distribution.

The guild will not be limiting itself to microcomputer clients. Kandel expects to be working in any field where clear com-

- Data processing departments needing operations manuals for their applications systems.

Kandel said his venture will be open to all kinds of writers, too, but right now he is looking for experienced scribes with backgrounds in data processing, microcomputers, medicine, law, government and research. ■



## Hyperlight Patrol

We appreciate this opportunity to tell you about Hyperlight Patrol. Written by Warren L. Greene for a 48K Disk TRS-80, this unique program provides sound output via the cassette port and voice output for a Radio Shack Speech Synthesizer. The latter is not required for play.

In Hyperlight Patrol, your single Star Cruiser must locate and if possible destroy a fleet consisting of unknown numbers of four different classes of enemy ships. Unlike the Klingons, Cylons, etc. of most space games, these enemy ships maneuver intelligently in the three-dimensional space around you and can move as you do by hyperlight jumps. They have, as you do, many systems which can be disabled or destroyed. Your ability to recognize and capitalize of their damage, while maneuvering to minimize the effect of your own, can be a key element in your victory or defeat.

To help you overcome the numerical odds, your ship is "human engineered" with systems which can automatically follow or fire on targets you designate, can maintain your shields within the limits of your energy banks, and can signal when hostile ships appear within weapons range. Sound effects and visual displays indicate damage, weapon status, alarms, etc. and help you input commands.

The author is an expert in war-games and war technology. His intention in writing this program was to produce a conflict simulation which would realistically create the command environment of a ship's captain in the distant future. He has tried to avoid the torpedo-course-guessing and hand-eye coordination elements so common to today's science-fiction games.

The viewscreen you work from also reflects this philosophy. As in a real conflict the enemy can be all around you, and you can see exactly this in the "projection-map" display. A totally new concept in TRS-80 games, this display continuously updates the position of each enemy ship as they circle you, close in, or try to escape. Our screen is of course flat and two-dimensional, like a wall map of the earth, but within the limits of TRS-80 graphics it will show you the "globe" of space around you - front, sides, back, above, below, etc.

The action in this sphere is real-time. Again as in reality there are periods of rest and inaction, punctuated by bursts of tactical scrambling. To survive and score, you must constantly evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, speeds, and relative positions of your own ship and the enemy. The information presented to you is purposely kept brief so that you can handle it. The computer takes care of the great complexity of the simulation, as it should, leaving to you only those decisions requiring intelligence and judgement.

This is not a trivial or an easy game, but it is addicting and fun to play. You must be prepared to learn by experience the best strategies and (a completely different question) the best tactics. It will take some time for you to become familiar with your ship and with the mechanics of the simulation. There's a lot going on in the 28K of code that you will not immediately appreciate. Don't let this be discouraging. Everything here has a reason and as you become more proficient at the game, you will find yourself turning former weaknesses into present strengths.

Certainly Hyperlight Patrol is not the be-all and end-all of space conflict games. Remember that it is first and foremost a simulation. One could write a game with more graphics. One could write a game with more action, or more sound, or whatever. And any of these could nevertheless be conventional and dull. Hyperlight Patrol is different. It offers you a creative and challenging blend of all these ingredients in a completely unique and pace-setting format that will literally boggle your mind. You have never seen anything like it on the TRS-80, and if you enjoy a good game, you will surely get many hours of pleasure from this one.

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# Mags for high octane micros

Pennsylvania and California firms hitch their wagons to new stars and target new mags at Tandy's Model-16 and the Big Blue's Personal Computer

**M**agazines for the IBM Personal Computer and the TRS-80 Models II and 16 have been launched in San Francisco and Lancaster, PA.

The 102-page maiden issue of *PC/The Independent Guide To IBM Personal Computers* came out early this year. By August the magazine expects to be a monthly, according to Publisher and Editor-in-Chief David Bunnell.

An article in the *Wall Street Journal* suggested the plural reference to the Personal Computer in PC's name indicated the editors were banking on the predictions of some analysts that IBM may introduce a new model of its micro by the end of the year or the beginning of 1983.

That's not the case, Bunnell told *80 Micro*. The plural reference, he explained, **was used more out of design and typography considerations than the magazine having an inside track on proposed developments.**

"IBM is very close-lipped about these things," he said. "Our use of personal computers was based more on semantics than inside knowledge. It's not that we had inside knowledge, but rather general knowledge of the personal computer market."

He added, however, PC editors feel IBM eventually will introduce new Personal Computer models, possibly one with a built in color monitor and a portable one. He said his personal feeling is "I don't believe they will come out with another machine for two years."

Meanwhile, in the Keystone State, Richard H. Young is starting up *11/16*

*magazine* aimed at owners of Tandy's glamor machines. "We feel this area has been neglected by magazines like *80* and *80 US*," he maintained.

Young, a CPA and financial analytical systems consultant, told *80 Micro* the first issue of his bi-monthly will be May-June. It will have 24 pages of editorial content. Although changes will be made from time to time, he noted, "it will continue to look like a technical journal" and its covers will display the issue's table of contents.

Articles in the first issue include how to

patch WordStar to work with Epson printers and the complete specs on the Model 16 and what they mean.

Young said he will be promoting *11/16* through advertising in magazines like *80 Micro* and through a direct mail campaign using a mailing list rented from H&E Compu-tronics. Sample copies of the magazine will be distributed to computer stores, he added.

He said subscriptions to the magazine are \$30 a year and the newsstand price is \$5.95. ■

## Prestel boon to microphiles

by Michael E. Nadeau

80 Micro staff

**P**restel, the British videotext system, was introduced into the United States in January. Its sponsors are targeting business and users groups, but it appears micro owners will gain as well from this latest invasion from the isles.

The data bases on Prestel are heavily oriented toward business, and include commodities listings, stock market reports, and airline rates and schedules. *Newsweek* magazine also supplies a data base consisting of an abbreviated electronic version of each weekly issue. Other American data-base suppliers include: Merrill Lynch, *The Wall Street Journal* and American Express. The BBC, London Stock Exchange and *The Economist* are among the international providers.

The data is transmitted to the United States via satellite. The data bases can be accessed within this country through a Telenet number over phone lines. A terminal, monitor and modem are the basic hardware requirements for user access. There are eight sources for Prestel terminals in the United States; Zenith is among them.

Anyone with a microcomputer, however, can potentially access Prestel. Software is available for the Apple II, called Appletel, from Logica, a New York-based company and a sponsor of Prestel in this country. Apparently, software for the TRS-80 is not far behind. At a Prestel demonstration at Babson College in Wellesley, MA, a spokesman alluded to the ex-

istence of prototype software for the TRS-80 Model II and Color Computer. Allan Hewitt, sales manager at BVT (British Videotext and Teletex, Prestel's parent company) was reluctant to give details about this software, calling it "commercially confidential. It would be silly to ignore [the TRS-80]," he said, admitting only that software is being written.

Hewitt also mentioned that terminal software will be available for Commodore computers by the end of this year.

Once a micro owner has the needed software and peripherals, he or she must pay Prestel a \$50 monthly fee plus a 30-cent-per-minute charge for connect time and a 15-cent-per-minute charge for phone line time via Telenet. This price will limit the number of individual users, but Hewitt said his company hopes to provide enough different services to make Prestel attractive. He suggested the home user may soon be able to do his banking and shopping, get up-to-the-minute news and weather reports and, in idle moments, play video games on his Prestel terminal.

Prestel is aiming at the business market because, obviously, that is where it will be most easily sold. But Hewitt claims that once Prestel is established in business, the businessman will start bringing the terminals home with him. Eventually, videotext and Prestel will be seen as more than a business tool, he said. "We want the man in the street to think of his videotext terminal the same way he does his television set...to become something that [naturally] sits in the corner of the living room." ■

# Writing without disk drives

by G. Bert Latamore

Contributing Editor

Using word processing is like losing your virginity, you'll never go back to what you did before.

So says Ernie Hebert of Keene, NH, *Boston Sunday Globe* columnist and author of two novels and a third about to go to his publisher.

Hebert spent three years part-time on his first novel, *The Dogs of March*. He switched from typewriter to Radio Shack's *Scriptit* and did his second, *A Little More Than Kin*, also working part-time, in a year on a Model I. When it brought him a hefty advance, he quit his job to write full time.

"I wanted to get away from computers," he revealed, "The Model I kept going down, and I had to keep bringing it back to be fixed. So I sold it, bought an IBM Memory Typewriter and tried to write on that. I couldn't."

He replaced the IBM with a 32K Model III, a Line Printer VII, *Scriptit* and a tape recorder. Apparently it was what he needed; he finished the 70,000 word first draft of his third novel, a psychological thriller titled *The Viceroy*, in three months.

He hopes to finish the final draft by June and know by August whether it will be accepted. That's an important deadline for him because he has enough money to last until September. If the new novel doesn't sell by then, he will have to take a job and go back to part-time writing.

Although his system is minimal and lacks disk drives, Hebert is satisfied with it.

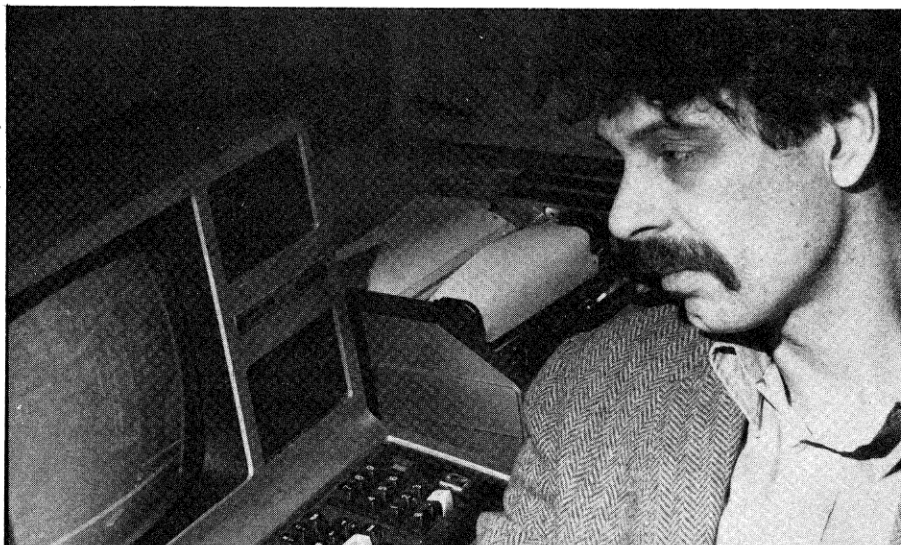
"I wanted to get the cheapest adequate word processor I could, and I find that for \$1,600 I have it," he said. "Everything I've heard about word processing says you have to have disk drives, but really for the creative artist they are a luxury you can live without."

Hebert loads *Scriptit* off the tape first thing every morning. It takes exactly three minutes. He keeps the machine on—even when he walks the block to Keene State College where he teaches part-time—until bedtime.

"I pretty much write all the time, and I don't use the computer for anything else," he explained.

He developed a special format giving exact control of the number of lines on a page. When he has written and polished a page he saves it on tape, which takes 23 seconds, and prints it out. He logs the page's location on the tape, clears the

photo by Bert Latamore



Ernie Hebert, *Boston Globe* columnist and author of three novels, says creative writers can get by with CLOADs.

screen and starts the next.

Using that system he produces three to ten pages a day, which, he commented, is "incredibly swift for me."

Speed does not guarantee quality, however.

"I think the danger in word processing is working too fast. You tend to get into the groove of cranking out words. It encourages verbosity."

To slow down, he decided to type his final draft, copying the text off the screen and stopping to revise rough passages on the computer.

"I just started working this way," he explained. "I find I have to be flexible with my working methods. What worked last week might not work today."

Having a printout is important to Hebert. "I'm very visual," he admitted. "Seeing pieces of text on the screen and seeing the hard copy are different things. You can't look at the whole work on the screen, so you tend to repeat words and become repetitious in sentence structure."

Hebert and his agent have discussed submitting manuscripts in electronic form, but he questions the practicality of the idea.

For one thing, book editors do a lot of their reading and copy editing commuting to work or at home, places where they wouldn't have access to a computer.

The electronic manuscript also could take control over editorial alterations away from the author.

"When an editor makes changes on my manuscript, I see exactly what he did when I get it back, and we can talk about it," Hebert expounded. "If he were working on a word processor I might not find the changes."

Although he is not happy with his present printer—the tractor feed has never worked right—Hebert does not see a major problem with editorial acceptance of dot matrix print.

"From what I know of editors, they don't care what the manuscript looks like as long as they can read it," he opined.

In fact, Hebert writes his weekly column on New Hampshire life entirely on his Model III on Sundays.

"I try to make each one come out to exactly 4090 characters," he mentioned.

The television and radio, situated in his study next to the computer, pick up interference from the Model III, he said, but that doesn't concern him.

The Model III also has brought a new magazine into his life, *80 Micro*.

"I always buy it. I don't type the programs in, but I enjoy reading about them," he explained.

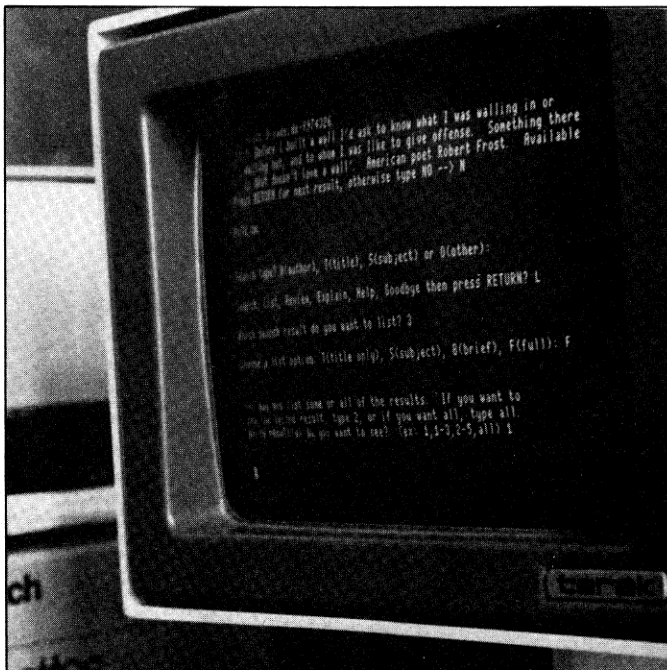
For Hebert the Model III is a useful tool, but it doesn't do everything.

"Being a novelist is a risky business because your writing depends on this X factor in the back of your brain, and you always fear it will just go away. For a lot of writers it does. They write one novel or five or 12 and then just stop. It really is a muse." ■





photos by Kerry Leichtman



Emily Fayen (left) and Margaret Otto (right) are two developers of a computer system at Dartmouth College linking hundreds of terminals to the school's half-billion volume library. Photo on right shows how library information is displayed.

## Dummies growing in the ivy

by Kerry Leichtman  
80 Micro staff

**F**or an Ivy League school, Dartmouth sure has a lot of dumb terminals. But when Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, goes on line with one of their latest computer innovations those terminals will seem much smarter.

This new system will connect, through a 580 million-byte data base, hundreds of on-campus terminals to Dartmouth's vast 1 1/2 million volume library. By the time the system is up and functional sometime this summer, 450,000 of the library's 800,000 titles will be stored in a pair of DEC minicomputers.

The system is being developed by William Arms, Dartmouth's director of computing services; Emily Fayen, director of library automation services; and Margaret Otto, Dartmouth College librarian. Although other institutions such as Northwestern University, the University of California and the Library of Congress have computerized library systems, Dartmouth's is unique in its approach.

"We wanted to put up a system that could be used by any student using our library," Fayen explained, "We are trying very hard to make it comfortable to anybody." Most Dartmouth students are computer literate, so the system's designers do not anticipate any of them freezing at the keyboard. But even so, the emphasis is on developing user-cordial prompts.

What this means is that the computer knows there is no difference between Frost, Robert and Robert Frost. Entering the poet's name in either format will get the user to the author's work. However, Bobby Frost probably would not.

The pride of the system, according to its developers, is its search capabilities. "Northwestern's system," Fayen told *80 Micro* during a visit to the Hanover campus, "is a computer analog of the card catalog. It does no more and no less. Ours has considerably expanded search capabilities. You can get at any word in the title, you can look for the illustrator, a certain person as the translator. Essentially, we've made the whole record searchable."

Using Robert Frost again as an example, the user might want to look up only Robert Frost poetry written in New Hampshire before 1950. More specifically he might want only pre-1950 New Hampshire poetry with "winter" in the title.

One of the graduate assistants working on the project offered to look up something more obscure for us; a song called "Slide Frog Slide." Moments later the screen was full of information about a George Lewis and Punch Miller's Bunch album called *Jazz at Preservation Hall, III*. Besides giving Lewis' dates of birth and death, the album's library catalog number, its record company release number and a host of other related information,

there it was—cut one, side one, "Slide Frog Slide." The album's program notes, by the way were written by Thomas Sanction. Who cares? Someone might and if they do, it's all right there.

The system will also make using the library more convenient. A professor can be sitting in his office, or a student in a dormitory, turn on a terminal and do library research. After finding the books, magazines or records they can check them out using the terminal and pick them up at a more convenient time. The system will even send notices to persons in possession of overdue books.

Emily Fayen came to the library project via her work with computers. Margaret Otto, on the other hand, is a librarian, with training in the Dewey Decimal System rather than silicon chips. "I think it's just great," she told *80 Micro*, "What the computer can do for us is provide better information for the end-user. We are not trying to duplicate what we have in our catalog, we're trying to produce a product that's better than the card catalog.

"The system is going to give the researcher, the scholar, the library user capabilities that they simply don't now have," she continued, "They won't have to run to the library and spend hours going through the card catalogue. It's much more efficient. It's a real step forward in terms of ease of usage of the library itself. That's what I'm very excited about." ■

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# Future bright for home banking

The bank of the future may be in your tv set.

According to a Cambridge, MA, consulting firm, eight million households will be doing video banking from their homes by 1990.

In a statement on a 230-page report on telebanking distributed privately to 75 of its clients, the Yankee Group predicted the new banking will enable financial institutions to offer consumers "money management tools previously available only to corporate cash managers."

Offering these services will be a future necessity, the statement said, if thrift institutions are to compete with money market funds. Today, 15 percent of all consumer deposits are in those kinds of funds.

Telebanking will also encourage non-banking firms to vie with banks for consumer deposits, Yankee predicted.

It maintained Sears Roebuck Co.'s recent purchase of a brokerage house (Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.) and the nation's largest real estate firm (Coldwell, Banker & Co.) is a sign it intends to move beyond retailing into consumer financial services.

Sears will start by selling money market funds, Yankee noted, and later install automated teller machines and function as a true depository institution.

It said a major role in telebanking will be played by three major computer service bureaus—Tymshare Inc., Automatic Data Processing Inc., and General Electric Information Services—but no single elec-

tronic network vendor will dominate the market.

The three service bureaus will try to become "super service bureaus," the consulting firm claimed, and either sell their capabilities to banks or acquire depositories and deal directly with the public. Meanwhile, it added, Citicorp, American Express, Visa, Mastercard and various bank consortia will be trying to build their own electronic-payment pipelines.

It maintained Citicorp of New York is the most aggressive U.S. developer of video home banking. Citicorp hopes to "cream-skim" high income individuals nationwide, it added, inviting them to manage their money and make investments on-line from their homes at any hour—not

just bankers' hours.

Yankee expects Citicorp to offer its home banking service in 1983. The service could include funds management, tax planning, records keeping, "what-if" analysis of financial decisions and information from Dow Jones & Co.

Also in 1983, the consulting firm stated, AT&T may roll out a video-based information utility allowing smaller banks to penetrate the home market and compete with national financial institutions.

Yankee added telebanking will win acceptance first with the "computer comfortable" people and later as part of systems like Viewtron, Venture One and AT&T's EIS which will begin to penetrate the market around 1986. ■

## RECENT VIDEO HOME BANKING TESTS

### Citicorp: Homebase

"100-user test" of Homebase is now under way in Queens NY. It features proprietary terminal, card reader, and dedicated 5-1/2" black-and-white CRT, all developed by Citicorp's subsidiary, Transaction Technology Inc. of Los Angeles.

### Chemical Bank

Project Pronto free trial in 200 homes in metro NYC, will run 3 months beginning in late 1981. Uses Atari 400 computer, TV set, autodialer. Will probably include banking and other services.

### Bank One Corp: Channel 2000

A primitive system done largely for promotional purposes, was tested in 130 households for 11 weeks.

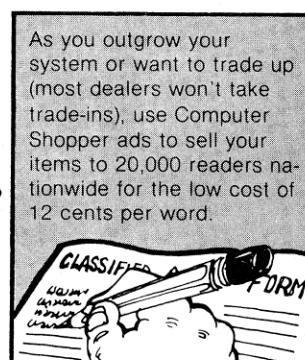
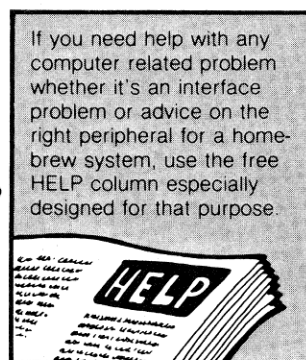
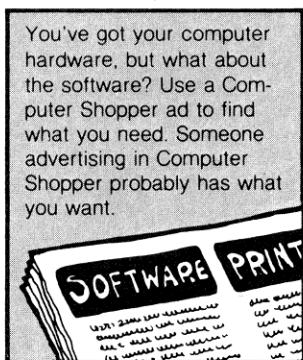
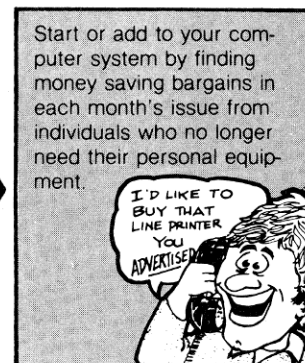
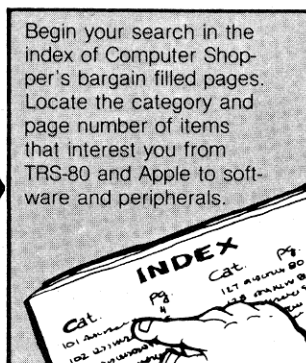
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# PULSE TRAIN

## Software to go

The McDonald's Era has arrived in the computer retail business.

A Palo Alto, CA, company is peddling software a user can take home and try out before he or she decides to buy it.

Software from Ico-Rally Corporation contains a demonstration program and main program protected by a "Soft-Lok." If a user, after trying out the demo program and reading the documentation, wants to buy the software, he or she tells the retailer. The retailer calls Ico-Rally via a toll-free number and gets the code to open the Soft-Lok.

The system is a boon to retailers, too, maintained Bill O'Brien, National Sales Manager for Ico-Rally. He said, "Retailers are leery of software because of its quality." Rather than force dealers to tie up cash in expensive inventory, they may buy Ico-Rally programs for the cost of the demo program—\$49.95. When the program is sold, O'Brien explained, the proceeds are split with Ico-Rally. According to a statement from the firm, the arrangement offers dealers more than a 300 percent return on inventory investment.

The whole idea behind the program is self-service, O'Brien said. To aid users, Ico-Rally also provides users with software support via an 800 telephone number and a free monthly publication to chronicle software developments.

Asked what the chances were Soft-Lok would be picked by a deft soft-buckler, O'Brien said the developers of the access locking technique estimate if a price tag were placed on the number of man hours needed to break the code it would amount to \$10,000. He contended a software pirate would think twice before spending that much time to steal a \$300 to \$600 program.

## Court rules video games covered by copyright

A federal appeals court in New York City has ruled authors of video games may copyright the sound and appearance of their games.

According to a report in the *Wall Street Journal*, the three judge appeal panel upheld a preliminary injunction issued by a federal district court, which

found video display designers are entitled to the same copyright protection as book authors and music composers.

After delivering its finding, the appeals court returned the case to the district court for trial. An attorney for Stern Electronics Inc. of Chicago, the plaintiffs in the case, told *80 Micro* it could take anywhere from three months to a year before the case is tried.

The *Journal* quoted David Shoenberg, vice president and general counsel for Stern, as saying the decision was "a landmark case for the industry" because it is the nation's first appeals court ruling on video copyrights.

The Illinois firm alleges a Rhode Island concern, Omni Video Games Inc., copied Stern's *Scramble*, a game where a player maneuvers his or her rocket ship through electronic obstacles—ground-air missiles, buildings and cannon fire.

## Booming video game market

This year more than half a dozen companies plan to introduce home video games and sales are expected to reach \$3 billion, according to a report in the *Wall Street Journal*.

Companies are scrambling to enter the market and with good reason. A successful game like Atari's *Space Invaders* can generate \$100 million to \$150 million in sales, with margins of about 20 percent.

Atari, expected to double its advertising budget this year to \$75 million and release a \$349 super game, has cornered 75 percent of the market, Mattel 15 percent and Odyssey, marketed by the Magnavox division of North American Philips Corporation, 9 percent.

Meanwhile, during a press conference announcing the formation of a cable-tv company by CBS and 20th Century Fox, a spokesperson for the network said the new firm would produce a wide range of products for home video systems and development of home video games "could not be precluded" from the firms' plans.

Eighty million households in the United States have televisions, but only 8.5 percent have video games. The *Journal* said industry experts predict 50 per-

cent of the households, however, will have video games by 1985. And the European market has just opened up, with a million consoles sold so far there.

The business newspaper also reported many analysts believe the sales of home video consoles will give way to the sale of home computers that can be used for games. If that happens, many of the companies that offer hybrid game and computer systems—including Mattel, Commodore and Coleco—will have to compete with giants like Tandy Corporation and IBM.

"Intellivision will do well as long as there is a strong video game-only market," one analyst told the *Journal*, "but when the home computer comes into play, Mattel and a lot of these newcomers may be in trouble."

## Sears to open 45 new computer stores

The success of five computer stores opened by Sears, Roebuck and Co. last fall has spurred the concern to gallop deeper into the retail micro business.

Edward A. Brennan, chairman and chief executive officer of the Sears Merchandise Group, said in a statement: "The performance of these five test stores has exceeded our expectations. The test clearly demonstrates the potential for such retail specialty stores in the rapidly expanding field of electronic business equipment."

Although Sears declined to reveal sales revenues from the new stores, a spokesman told *80 Micro* the firm expected a greater return on investment from the stores than its other retail outlets.

James L. Podany, director of marketing communications, also noted the stores "have been able to keep up with all customer demand for product" including orders for the IBM Personal Computer.

The 45 new Sears business systems centers will be located in the test areas and in 17 new markets including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta, Washington, Miami, Houston, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, Seattle and Denver.

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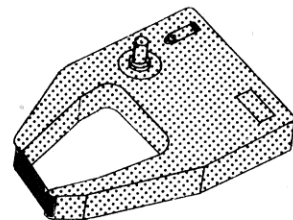
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The company also announced it is building a new 135,000-square-foot building for software assembly and is converting the old 39,000-square-foot software plant into warehouse space.

Both new plants will be in the Fort Worth area. The new computer plant is expected to be occupied early this spring.

## Mexico tells computer makers to put up or get out

If U.S. computer makers want to tap into the estimated half billion dollar Mexican market, they're going to have to start manufacturing their wares south of the border.

According to a report in the *Wall Street Journal*, the Mexican government will start decreasing U.S. computer imports this year. The move is aimed at decreasing computer imports while nurturing native industry.

If a microcomputer maker wants to continue doing business in Mexico, it will have to take a minority interest in a Mexican firm. The *Journal* quoted Robert Lynch, senior vice president of Tandy Corporation's Radio Shack division, as saying:

"I have no doubt we will eventually go into some sort of joint venture. We aren't going to get as much as we do now by exporting to Mexico, but 49 percent of something is a whole lot better than nothing."

For minicomputers, the government will allow U.S. firms to set up wholly-owned subsidiaries.

Currently, there are some 35 U.S. firms in Mexico ranging from giants as International Business Machines and Burroughs Corporation to smaller outfits such as Microdata Corporation and Durango Systems Inc.

Smaller companies contend the move helps the few big companies that can afford the estimated \$10 million to \$20 million investment needed to comply with the government's plan. Its action may do that, the government admitted,

but the existing market is so fragmented, no one wants to invest in it.

The *Journal* quoted an official of a Mexico City computer service company as saying of the move: "The program offers U.S. companies a unique opportunity to learn how to deal with the nationalistic attitudes they will be seeing a lot more of in the future. If they don't learn to play by local rules, they will have to settle for their own domestic markets."

## Kepler and Ohm in a black box

A program to rethink the theorems of early scientists has been developed at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA.

According to a report in *Computerworld*, Patrick Langley developed the program as part of a doctoral thesis. Running on a Digital Equipment Corporation Decsystem-10, the program has been able to rediscover a series of principles set down by scientists such as Johannes Kepler and George Simon Ohm.

The program is fed the same raw data the early scientists worked with and has been able to reach the same conclusions—only faster. It takes the computer minutes to do what the scientists took months to do.

Currently, Langley's program has only been used to evaluate principles already known; however, the program could also be utilized by scientists engaged in current research projects.

## An addition to the three R's

A "C" should be added to the three R's, according to David Moursand, professor of computer and information science at the University of Oregon in Eugene. That's C for computer literacy—the functional knowledge of computers children will need to compete for future jobs.

By 1985 a high percentage of all jobs will involve the use of computers in some way, placing those who don't know how to use them at definite disadvantage (see *80 Micro*, February 1982). But the educational system has not kept up with this trend, Moursand maintained.

The problem, he said, is that not enough teachers are computer literate themselves, and there are not enough computer-related instructional materials.

In an effort to overcome this problem, Moursand has committed himself for the last 15 years to teaching teachers how to bring computers into their classrooms. He organizes special seminars at the university to introduce teachers to computers and explain how the machines will change the way they teach. He also formed the International Council for Computers in Education and edits its journal, *The Computing Teacher*.

The ability to use computers could become as important as the ability to read and write when looking at future employment, Moursand said. Business and industry leaders have already proven that productivity increases dramatically with the use of computers.

"There is a revolution going on in industry. And we need to prepare our young people for it," he said.

Moursand contends it's time for the full-scale use of computers in the classroom. "Children should begin to learn how to use computers when they begin to learn any other subject," he said. "And with the resources that most schools have already, children could start to learn how to use computers in junior high school now," he added.

"The evolution we are about to see in education is indeed scary to many adults," he said, "but to children who grow up using computers, there is no fear."

"Our educational system is completely dependent, in essence, on how teachers and parents view the world. If teachers won't adjust to using computers, to this change in the world, it's going to be very, very hard for the kids to adjust to it," he noted.

## What's happening in Woodlands?

Walking down the halls of Woodlands High School in Hartsdale, NY, you can see microcomputers wheeled into classrooms and hear students exclaim, "Fantastic, we're going to use the microcomputer in this class, too! I love it!"

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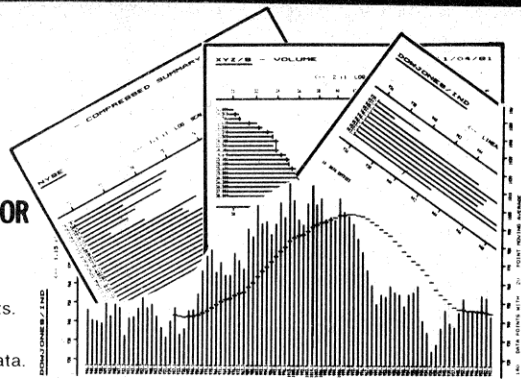
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Students in English are studying spelling, grammar and reading comprehension on the TRS-80; students in Spanish and French are learning vocabulary and verb tenses; students in social studies are learning about the Middle East; students in sciences are learning about the metric system. Programs are also being written for Latin, reading competency, biology, algebra and many other courses.

Most of these programs are written by students for students.

Students are also taught Basic programming at the school. That course is open to all students and is taught at three levels—beginning, intermediate and advanced.

Woodlands High School has five TRS-80 Model IIIs with disk drives and 15 16K Model IIIs linked in a classroom network.

The programs are individualized and students are able to drill and review in their weak areas and accelerate in their strong areas. In past years, students in the resource math classes showed an average gain of two grade levels in one year.

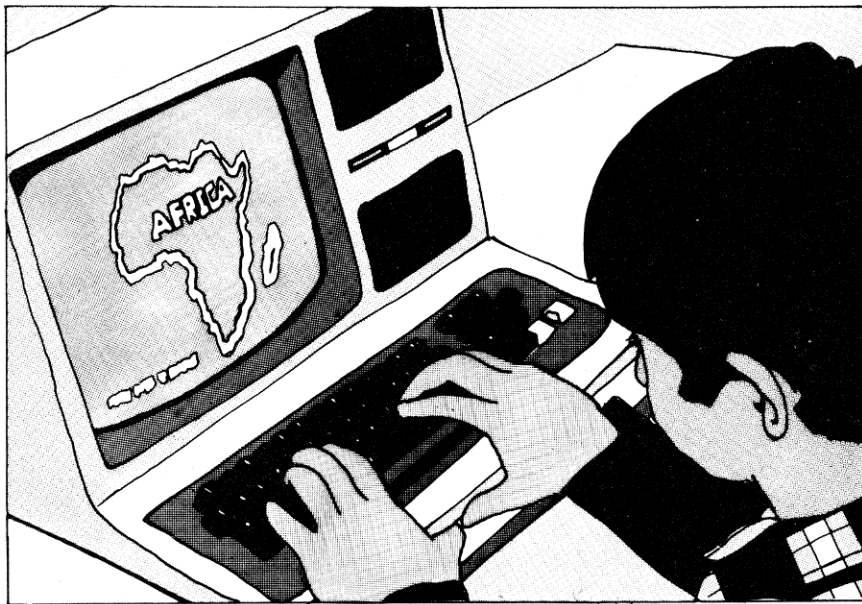
The microcomputer program is supported by local funds and a grant from a regional group. It has been observed by teachers and administrators from Ardsley, Eastchester, Tarrytown and many other school districts in both Westchester and Rockland counties.

## IBM returns to computer services

International Business Machines Corporation has taken the first step toward reentering the computer services business it abandoned years ago. The firm has announced the IBM Information Network, a remote information processing service.

Known internally for some time as the Tampa project, it is IBM's coast-to-coast computer and telephone network that will use more than 100 IBM program products ranging from text-editing to financial planning and analysis. The network is headquartered in Tampa, FL, where it was developed.

By using an IBM terminal and eventually an IBM table-top personal computer, large computer users will be able



At Woodlands high school, the TRS-80 is used to drill, enhance and reinforce students' skills.

to supplement their data processing requirements with specialized services. They will pay a fee to access by telephone IBM's computers and software programs.

The network will be available initially in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, New York, San Francisco, Washington, DC, and Tampa.

Some experts have predicted computer services will eventually dominate the data-processing market in dollar volume (80 Micro News, February 1982).

## In Akron schools the name for micros is Firestone

For students and teachers in the Akron public schools, Firestone means more than where the rubber meets the road. Through a grant from that concern, the school system has been able to open its first microcomputer center.

The center has 10 stations each with an Apple II, disk drive, NEC color monitor and Epson MX-80 printer—equipment valued at \$38,420.

The facility is designed as a staff training laboratory, but will also be used to train students. Training programs offered range from introduction to microcomputers to skills applications. According to a statement released by the school system, the center will make it possible for hundreds of teachers and other staff members to become familiar with computers.

## Computer store for the stars

Long-time Beverly Hills resident Murray Goralnick, who claims to be a pioneer in the development of simplified computer usage concepts, has opened a computer store in his home town.

The store retails a combination of computers and software set up to meet the needs of each individual customer. It specializes in integrating small computer systems into the non-computer environment.

"We're focused on removing the trauma often associated with this transition," Goralnick said in a statement.

He added he started the store in response to the "tremendous interest in personal computers expressed by Beverly Hills people."

The business will be conducted on an appointment-only basis, he noted.

## Legislation and futurists featured on CompuServe

CompuServe has announced two new information services on its videotext system. "Federal Reports" offers subscribers articles and reports on legislation and its impact on the nation. It emphasizes activities affecting the financial and business climate in the United

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States. "Future File" offers articles and interviews about the impact of today's decisions and technology on tomorrow's society.

### HP hard disk to have MSC controller

Hewlett-Packard has signed a contract with Microcomputer Systems Corporation of Sunnyvale, CA, to buy controllers for HP's 5.25-inch Winchester disk drives. Deliveries of the controllers began last December.

The California firm, in a statement, said it sold the controllers at a price less than it would have cost HP to manufacture the device itself.

"Although HP could have designed its own controller, there was no need for them to expend the development time and dollars that would entail when MSC offered an immediate, field-proven, cost effective solution," said MSC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer James S. Torsen.

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Both firms declined to give details on the duration of the contract.

### Slow acceptance of tube shopping

Growth of computer shopping will be sluggish during this decade, according to a Cambridge, MA, consulting firm.

The Yankee Group identified five barriers preventing home terminal shopping from becoming popular:

- Home terminals today fail to provide consumers detailed sensory information on products;

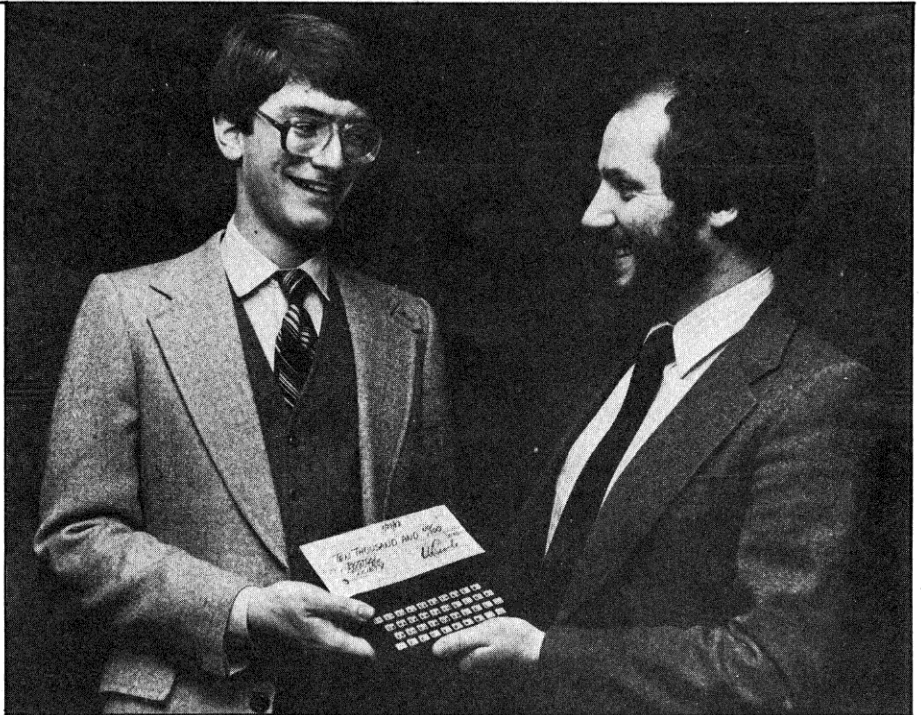
- Consumers shy away from buying expensive, offbeat items "sight unseen;"

- Service after sale is lacking;

- Delivery of items takes too long; and

- Consumers have no opportunity for social contact and recreation in shopping from home.

The next wave of home shopping systems will break by 1989, the consulting



Jonathon Rotenberg (left), president of the Boston Computer Society, accepted a \$10,000 donation from Nigel Searle, U.S. director of Sinclair Research Ltd.

firm said, largely wiping away growth barriers and launching a new era of merchandising. But the new systems must overcome the technical limitations of existing video-based systems, tie-in with entertainment programming and be supported by credible post sale service.

### The Source on cable tv

Some 1.2 million cable-tv viewers will be receiving information services offered by Source Telecomputing Corporation of McLean, VA.

Called Sourcecable, the services are part of the cable-tv packages of four firms—Cox Cable Communications, Cross Country Cable, Storer Cable Communications and United Cable Television.

Sourcecable will offer regularly updated general, sports and business news; educational exercises; home shopping; a library of home and consumer information including health, emergency, energy, gardening, food and home maintenance data; and electronic games.

It is available in one-way and two-way modes. In the two-way version, viewers choose the service they want by pressing the appropriate buttons on a hand-held television controller.

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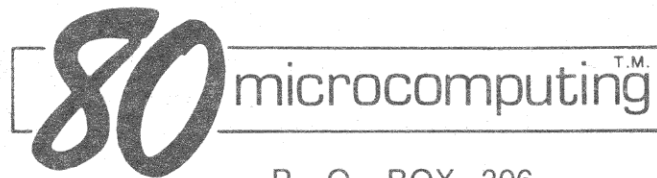
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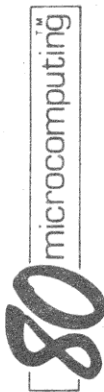
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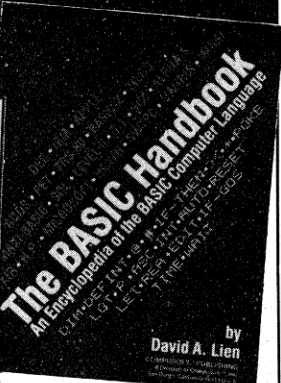
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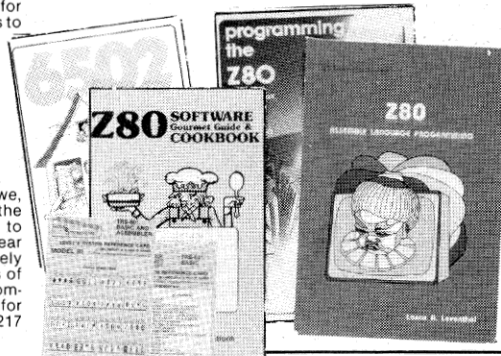
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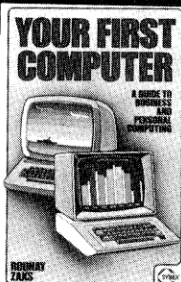
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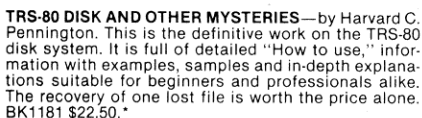
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# RELOAD 80

by Art Huston

This month's column is for the newcomer to microcomputing and the TRS-80. It will deal with the question we most commonly get on the phone: How do I load this tape?

Beginners do not always know the difference between Assembly language source code and Basic. The important thing to remember is that Assembly language programs are loaded and then assembled using an editor/assembler; this is denoted on the LOAD 80 documentation card by the words

"needs EDTASM." In general, Assembly language programs are more difficult to use. Basic programs are loaded from the Basic prompt (>\_) with the command CLOAD if you are loading from tape and LOAD "filename" if you are loading from disk.

The correct volume setting of the tape recorder is crucial to achieve a good load from cassette. This may differ from one tape to the next. If you have trouble, simply start at the low end of the volume scale and go up until you obtain a successful

load.

The alignment of your recorder's heads is also critical. If the tape sounds muffled this could be the problem. Consult the September 1981 RELOAD 80 column (page 314) for details.

Type CMD "T" before loading a tape under Model I Disk Basic. If you are using the Model III with either tape or disk, remember to toggle the low baud rate. Do this by responding 'L' to the 'CASS' prompt, or by POKEing 16913,0.

People often write to us complaining of program bugs and enclose a listing like Listing 1. The TRS-80 will often load a tape perfectly for several seconds and then start reading data incorrectly. If the program lists Basic keywords strung along

without colons or scrolls irregularly or changes print size, load it again. Even one line number interpreted incorrectly will cause an error to occur.

Please consult the February 1982 RELOAD 80 column for details on using LOAD 80 disks.

## Errata

The program DIRECTRD was listed in April's RELOAD 80 column, but was not actually included. This is because our copy went bad.

A program was accidentally deleted from "The Philatelist's Friend" in the December 1981 issue, but was included on the LOAD 80 tape. The program is also listed in this month's Debug section. ■

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## Program Listing 1

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60 CLS:QL=8:X=326:FORG=1TO8:PRINTX,A(G);:X=X+64:NEXT:QI=6:PRINT
822,AZTAB(60)"# 2"
70 PRINT#837,CHR$(170)STRINGS(5,183)CHR$(179)STRINGS(5,187)AE
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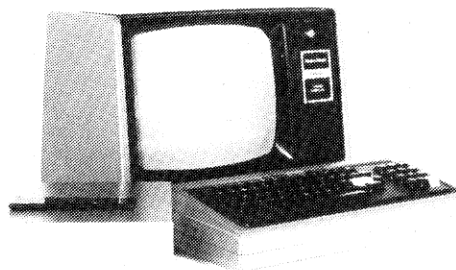
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# 80 Medical Opinion

by Philip R. Mills, M.D.

*"Even stuffy medical journals have articles on computerization."*

This year may well be the year of the microcomputer in the field of medicine. Physicians have been purchasing microcomputers in record numbers. Several small journals devoted to micros in medicine are available. Even stuffy medical journals have articles on computerization. One orthopedic journal which I receive has just begun a regular column devoted to the subject. The surface has only been scratched, however; if you can recommend a program on diabetes, blood gases, thyroid profile, health education, life expectancy, diet counseling, filing system, statistical analysis, or any program of interest to a physician, please write to me.

For any business the accounts receivable constitutes a most important portion of successful operation. Unfortunately, in medicine and dentistry, patient accounts are far too complicated and numerous to use any of the standard business accounts-receivable programs. To provide small clinics with automated patient billing, various software houses have been writing medical packages for the Models I, II and III. The recent releases are vastly superior to earlier attempts. If your clinic is using an older medical or dental program, it may pay to investigate one of the new Model II billing packages. Our next several columns will be devoted to billing packages. We will cover packages for the Model I, Model II and Model III.

The MS80 Dental Financial Management System (clearly benefiting from the abbreviation FMS) developed by MICRO/SYS80 Inc., 236 Waverly Rd., Southampton, PA 18966 (215) 355-5706, is a quality program. There are advantages to purchasing programs developed by experienced software houses. In 1978, the authors of FMS developed their first dental billing package. Written in Basic for the Model I, it was later revised for the Model II. Because of the limitations inherent in Basic, a complete rewrite was made in 1981 using TRSDOS 2.0A and Radio Shack's Cobol.

FMS is a true turnkey system. It is entirely self-prompting. From the time the computer is turned on, the user simply re-

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The 191 pages of documentation are outstanding. The manual is printed with selectric-quality print and has three major sections.

The first section is an easily understood tutorial which walks the user through the many functions of the system at a comfortable pace. Every video screen and option is covered and any areas of particular importance are highlighted. Since FMS was specifically written for the Model II, all operating instructions, including back-up, are specific to the Model II. (This gives it an edge over most CP/M programs which are able to provide only general start-up instructions, broad enough to fit many different computer models.) The tutorial section closes with a question-and-answer chapter. Questions such as, "How can we 'write off' this account?" are addressed. Our billing clerk was able to understand the tutorial with no outside assistance.

The second section of the manual is for reference only and is very complete with detailed specifications for every screen, option and function. In my opinion this portion of the manual was unnecessarily difficult to use since it was arranged in alphabetical order rather than organized by

nine choices (including six submenus) are listed:

- 10 Account Maintenance Menu
- 20 Patient Maintenance Menu
- 30 Payment Processing Function
- 40 End-of-Day Processing Menu
- 50 Billings Option Menu
- 60 Monthly Processing Menu
- 70 Peripheral Maintenance Menu
- 80 Patient Processing Function
- 90 End System

If "50" is entered, the Billing Option Submenu appears:

- 51 Account Billing Function
- 52 Insurance Billing Function

All submenus can be bypassed. In the above example the Billings Option Menu could have been bypassed by entering 51 or 52 directly from the main menu. The response time is nearly instantaneous and entries do not require pressing Enter.

The program provides for 200 dental procedures (the advertisement incorrectly states 300), 20 producers (dentists, hygienists and so on), 20 complications (asthma, penicillin allergy, among others), and 20 insurance carriers.

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the menu sequence. There is no index, but in most cases the table of contents is sufficient to serve this function.

The last section of the manual contains appendices with all start-up instructions, back-up instructions, and other information such as where to order forms.

The compiled program contains nearly 500K of instructions. A main menu provides 35 options. To avoid cluttering the screen and confusing the billing clerk only

phone numbers, birthday, sex, next appointment, recall date, and dentist.

One of my main criticisms of Radio Shack's Model I Medical Office System was the difficulty our office had in changing over from our manual pegboard system to this automated billing system. It took us a month and much overtime. Finally we abandoned the system, leaving our billing clerk resistant to future computerization. The MS80 Financial Manage-

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ment System, however, is remarkably easy to install in the office. In fact, the manual contains a chapter devoted to painless computerization. FMS gives the option of installation all at once (in our experience a horrendous task) or gradual changeover (our clinic's recommendation). Gradual changeover is accomplished by entering patients into the computer as they have dental appointments or as payment is received.

Access to patient information is immediately available by either patient name or number. No sorting is ever required making it by far the fastest program I have used to date. Patient billing is simplicity itself. All prompts for information are clear and easily entered. Patients are charged using procedure codes. Standard charges may be overridden at any time. New procedures may be entered immediately. A return appointment is entered at this time with a date flagged to send a reminder to each patient of his next appointment. Mailing labels are produced if desired for statements, recall cards, and appointment notices. Numerical entry is enhanced by removing any slashes, dashes, or parentheses from dates, phone numbers, social security numbers, and so forth; the program automatically supplies these itself. At the conclusion of each day, you can print out the next day's appointment list.

A very helpful option which I have seen on no other medical package is the capability to print up the charge slips on the next day's patients. This charge slip contains the account and patient name and phone number, past-due balance (if any)

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An excellent convenience feature of the program is the arrangement of report printouts. The reports are arranged to require an absolute minimum of printer form changing. This feature will appeal strongly to any busy office personnel. Standard forms are utilized where possible, but any format is available from MS80 by request.

Insurance billing is always compli-

cated. The program simplifies this billing. All patients are arranged under the account of the person responsible for payment. This is a better solution than having a separate account for each patient.

Although this program is excellent, there were a few areas that irritate me. All prompt response entries require uppercase. Lowercase responses are ignored. My personal preference is lowercase. Account-name searches differentiate between upper and lowercase, which I feel is an inconvenience shared by most accounting packages. This program shares another inconvenience with most other packages: Date changing is awkward and requires rebooting.

The program provides an option to schedule the appointment time. Date only is available. This is certainly no major limitation.

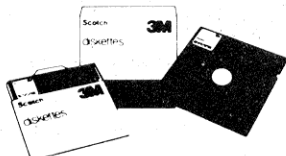
No provisions are made to enter patients with past-due balances. All patients must be aged by the program itself. Any outstanding balance must be originally entered as a current balance. Most practices would choose this method of aging anyway, so this would prove of little inconvenience.

No integrated accounting programs are available for this FMS. Also not provided are any reports comparing prior months, years or collection percentages, but neither does any other medical office system I have reviewed.

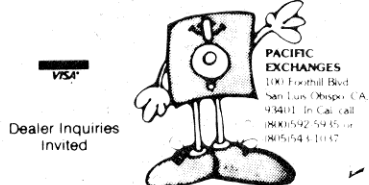
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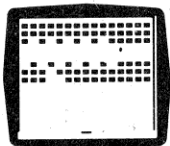
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Software support is vital and FMS comes with a guarantee that any programming errors will be corrected without charge. (A policy which I believe all software houses should have.)

The package requires a Model II, four disk drives, and an 80-column line printer. (A hard disk is far superior to four disk drives, and I personally recommend it.) The program is reasonably priced at \$1,600, which includes full support for one month.

Although there are some significant dif-

ferences between dental billing and medical billing, there are many similarities. I have reviewed this package with a dental friend to make certain the review is accurate. He was so impressed with the ease of operation that he is considering purchasing a Model II just to have the program.

A medical package is scheduled for release within a few months. A version for CP/M is also to be released "shortly." ■

*Ed. note: Below is a letter from Frank Weiss of MICRO/SYS80 commenting on Dr. Mills' appraisal of their program.*

Dear Dr. Mills:

Your review of the MS80 System is precisely accurate, well written, and certainly friendly to our system.

The few criticisms you relate are also accurate and quite constructive. Your suggestion concerning an index to help find specific sub-functions is also well taken and I will include an index with the next manual publication.

The variation between the 300 procedures advertised and the system limit

of 200 is actually a mistake in the screen utilization display. There are 300 allowed and we will change the program to reflect this amount. We have also heard from other sources that it would be beneficial to allow entry of past-due balances when creating the account file, and we are considering adding this feature.

We are working on a new function to allow the user to compose simple letters, and have the system use the account file names and addresses to produce letters to all accounts, selected accounts (such as those with a past due balance), or individual accounts. I hesitate to call this a word processing function since the text composition will not be as versatile as Scripsit or Electric Pencil, but rather like the way we allow text entry for the statement messages or the dunning messages.

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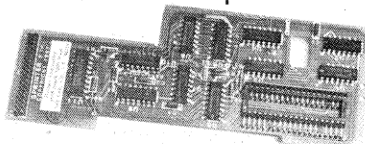
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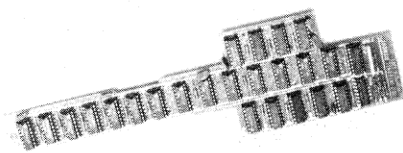


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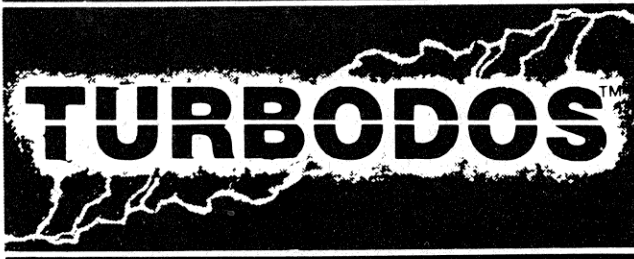
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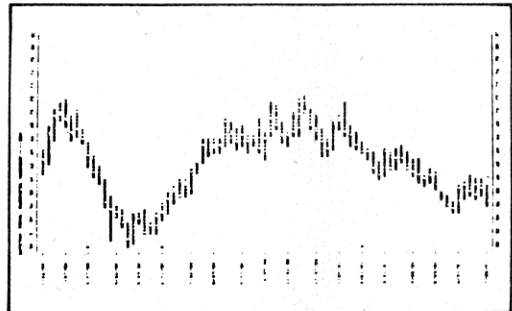
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How about 64 columns for the Color Computer? I know you have done a lower-case modification, so this shouldn't be too hard to work up. Eighty columns has been done for the Apple, so it should be possible to get 64 on the Color Computer.

*Gary Teter  
Paradise, California*

I would be interested in your thoughts on accomplishing an 80-character display width using either a black-and-white or color set. Can the software be POKED to achieve the 80-character width?

*Thomas V. Schill  
Huntington, West Virginia*

**A.** I would like to take this month's entire column to explain the Color Computer's video display system to readers Culbreth, Teter, Schill and nearly a hundred others who have written. It is capable of both more and less than other methods of video display.

A good place to start is by asking "what is a computer video display?" A simple question? Well, perhaps not. Folks who have used only one type of personal computer tend to think that a given manufacturer's method is *the* way a video display works. I believed that, too; once you feel comfortable with the system you are presently using, you start thinking that its design must have been determined by some digital deity way back during the misty genesis of computer technology.

But there is no standard system; in fact, there is no system that even begins to resemble a standard. Counted among displays presently manufactured are variants on raster and vector displays; 24, 32, 40, 48, 64, 80 and 132 characters per line (and others); 5 by 7, 7 by 9, 8 by 12, and other dot matrices on raster displays; up-

per and lowercase, special symbols and other alphabets; user-definable characters; resolution from coarse block characters to 1,000-dot lines with up to 256 colors and/or levels of gray scale.

In reality, the often mentioned "standard" (an 80-character, 24-line display) is ignored by the majority of major microcomputer manufacturers. Consider: TRS-80 Models I and III and PMC-80 (32/64 by 16); TRS-80 Model II (40/80 by 24); TRS-80 Color Computer (32 by 16, hi-res definable to 48 by 24); LNW-80 (32/64 by 16, hi-res definable 48, 72, 80, etc.); Apple II (40 by 24, hi-res definable to 64 by 24); Ohio Scientific C1 (24 by 24, extendable to the borders to create 32 by 32 with some not visible); Ohio Scientific C4 (32/64 by 24); Commodore PET (64 by 24); Commodore VIC (24 by 24); Osborne OS-1 (50 by 24). The list goes on.

Most old timers—those working in computers for more than five years—claim that the 80-column display is a heritage from the IBM standard 80-column punched card (remember punched cards?). But ironically, even machines such as IBM System 23 minicomputers use only a 40-character line. Heritage or not, however, it is a useful display size, since most business correspondence and reports set margins for about 72 characters per line (or so my 1962 edition of *Rowe's College Typing* insists).

On the other hand, 64 characters per line works very easily from a software and hardware standpoint. Sixty-four, being 40 hex and one-quarter of 100 hex, is quick to program and evaluate as an end-of-line trip value. It is also a neat binary number for digital counter chips, allowing a run from 000000 through 111111 (0 to 63), and restarting the next line when a carry drops off the end—nice stuff.

And nice stuff is what is critical to making an inexpensive personal computer. Back in 1976 when the Model I was still a gaggle of wires, that easy 64-character-per-line hardware made the video display attractively economical. Yet even with that economy, the computer's video storage, control and display circuitry used 35 integrated circuits, two transistors, adjustable and fixed resistors, capacitors

and miscellany—nearly half of the *total* hardware used in a TRS-80!

But turn back for a moment to the two different kinds of video systems: vector and raster display. Vector display uses cathode ray tube (CRT) hardware that allows the electron beam's position on the screen, its direction of motion, and its intensity to be controlled by the computer. If a screen is to display an image, the electron beam is moved (vectored) to that position on the screen, turned on, and moved in the shape of the object to be drawn. It is redrawn as often as the software allows it to be. You may have seen some of those sophisticated video arcade games—the ones in bars, not living rooms—which use vector display systems for exquisite detail. But because of its expense, the vector display method is used only in sophisticated equipment; no present-day microcomputers include a standard vector display system.

Raster display is more familiar. The raster is the set of horizontal lines visible across the screen of an ordinary television set. The electron beam is continuously swept across the screen by hardware that is inside the television set or monitor; it is not controlled by the computer. Therefore, in order to display characters, the computer must provide intensity information (dot on or dot off) in precise synchronization with the inexorable sweep of the electron beam. In the United States, that means 15,750 sweeps per second in 60 "frames" of 262 1/2 lines each.

The computer's video circuitry has quite a job feeding information to the raster display. It goes something like this: Send out a synchronization pulse to start the beam on the very top line of the screen; wait until the beam sweeps far enough into the screen to be easily viewed; get the first row of characters to be output; output a sequence of dots representing the top line of that first row of characters; when the end of the line is reached, wait until the electron beam retraces to the beginning of the line; output a second row of dots; continue the process until the first line of characters is completely drawn; get the next line of characters; repeat the whole process until

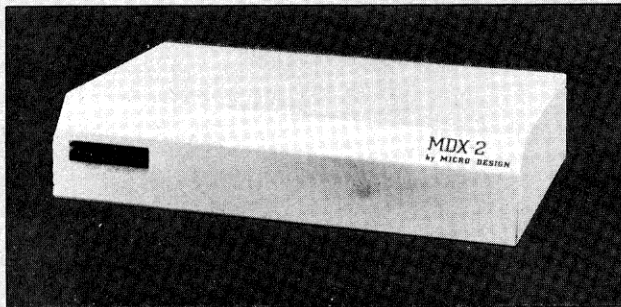
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all lines of characters are drawn; wait until the beam reaches the top of the screen; start again.

This process is complicated enough; but don't forget that, depending on the system, the central processing unit (CPU) may also have to jump into the act in order to change the stuff going out to the screen, or to find what is there. It is this need to produce complicated combinations of signals—vertical and horizontal electron beam synchronization (sync); patterns of dots at the proper signal levels (video); avoiding use of the screen when the electron beam is in the borders (blanking)—that makes computer video display hardware extensive.

The job of video display software, the so-called video drivers, is to provide characters to the video display hardware. When a value is provided for display, the video driver interprets whether the value represents a displayable character or control information (backspace, tab, line feed,

and separate circuitry to mix all the color and dot information together.

Enter the Color Computer. Some folks call it a toy computer. But if it is such a toy, how come it has a full display system, plus eight colors, plus five modes of graphics resolution? And, aside from stealing some memory from program use, how come it needs only two integrated circuits for the whole job? And how come it costs under \$400?

The reason is an ingenious and relatively inexpensive device called a Video Display Generator (VDG). Given the proper input, this single integrated circuit can produce 16 lines of 32 characters per line in either of two pairs of colors, and in normal or reverse lettering, from a 64-character ASCII set; 16 graphics characters in eight colors; point graphics from coarse (64 by 64) in eight colors to fine (256 by 192) in two colors; and certain hybrid combinations of graphics and alphanumerics. When interfaced to a companion Syn-

them to be. Thus, unless your text editor or assembler or whatever allows a user patch to this special software driver, the 32 characters per line is understood as the limit.

So, is there any solution to this problem? Yes, but it is not an easy one. The current Video Display Generator (type 6847) can be combined, through fairly complex logic, with another member of Motorola's 68XX family: The 6845 CRT Controller. This device is capable of producing up to 256 characters per line and 128 lines per screen in any combination. It has separate screen synchronization, independently controlled cursor input and display, and even a light pen input. However, it is not intended to interface with the 6883 SAM chip in the Color Computer, and it cannot produce a color display. It has no built-in graphics. Furthermore, it would need sophisticated video driver software to control scrolling and a complete reassignment of memory space (since the current character screen memory is only 512 bytes). That means an extensive software patch or a separate version of the Color Basic ROM. If you are curious about how complicated this kind of patching can be, try using the LNW-80 computer's 80-character-per-line mode with your own software.

Sure, it can be done. As a matter of fact, one engineer is working on a cartridge plug-in with 80 by 24 video for use with a black-and-white monitor, to run in conjunction with standard Flex displays. But the normal display is lost, along with graphics and color. All the difficulties I mentioned turn up; compatibility is lost.

Is it worth it? Perhaps it is, but before I get a boxful of requests to design one for this publication, let me mention some other considerations beyond the hardware complexity. The primary one is simple: Can you read more than 32 characters on the video display, especially if you are using a color television? There is a characteristic known as bandwidth that affects every video display system. Simply stated, it is the monitor's ability to turn the electron beam on and off quickly and cleanly enough, so that letters do not smear into each other.

Maybe "it's a Sony," but unless your color television was made for tv studio use, its bandwidth is about four MHz. Four MHz... what does that mean? It means that the television can't do anything faster than four million times per second, whatever that anything is. Fast as it sounds, it is still fairly slow. Turn back to the electron beam sweep that I mentioned earlier; it sweeps horizontally at 15,750 times per

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*"...its design must have been determined by some digital deity way back during the misty genesis of computer technology."*

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carriage return and so on). The value is then converted to a new value or set of values appropriate for display, and the driver passes that information along. Most personal computer systems use a block of memory to store these character values, and they can move the characters (represented as ordinary bytes of information) around in memory for such things as Basic Print, Print@, Print Tab, tab, backspace, scrolling, and so forth.

Once the values are stored in video memory (also called video refresh memory), the video display hardware then takes over; it extracts these bytes as needed and feeds them to a character generator. The character generator produces the horizontal dot patterns for each row of the display screen, as requested by a video countdown chain. These dot patterns are then fed to a shift register, which feeds the dots one at a time to the video display through output circuitry.

Notice how I have avoided the question of color. If you think black-and-white display as I've described it sounds complicated, then the composite video needed for color production is a nightmare. It often requires its own color memory block

chronous Address Multiplexer (SAM)—as it is in the Color Computer—several mixed alpha/graphics modes can be produced.

For this flexibility and economy, certain sacrifices are made. The character set, being an internal one, is fixed at the basic 64 uppercase ASCII letters, numbers and symbols. Only by tacking on additional hardware (an option allowed in the VDG design) can up to 256 characters of any type be selected. See "80 Applications," November 1981, for details on external character generation for the Color Computer.

The other sacrifice is those long lines of characters; the VDG is fixed at 32 per line; the reasons are explained later on. Since this device ties in so closely with the other Color Computer hardware, a virtually complete remake of the computer system would be necessary to achieve 64 or 80-character lines. Anywhere from 24 to 50 characters per line can be produced in software (using the high-resolution mode), but this method sacrifices about 8,000 bytes of memory. It also suffers from the same drawback that all piggyback software drivers do: They can only be invoked if the software in use allows



second. Okay, four million somethings divided by 15,750 sweeps is 254. The television can display 254 somethings per screen line; that's it. Now 254 is conveniently close to what the Color Computer actually displays—256 clear dots per screen line.

Unless you are willing to add video output to your Color Computer, and use it on a fast black-and-white monitor or buy a \$1,000 (or more) color monitor, then looking for more than the built-in 256 dots per line is futile. As I said, it can be done. The Ohio Scientific C4P has a 64-character color display; but it doesn't use an RF modulator for television input. Instead, it requires a color monitor, and even then the screen is wearying to read.

If I sound discouraging about that one point, it is because I view the Color Computer as a coherent, solid package—designed well and with considerable consideration toward expansion. It has twice the power and speed at half the price of a Model III. Until (if?) the rumored BBC/ Acorn computer hits our shores from England, Radio Shack's Color Computer and Commodore's VIC will probably repre-

sent the forefront of inexpensive personal computer capability.

Which brings me to another mailbox-filling item. *80 Microcomputing's* publisher Wayne Green said in the January "Remarks" that he thinks the Color Computer is a bust, and Radio Shack is going to phase it out. Well, here's hoping Wayne was talking to the wrong people, and Radio Shack realizes that, like the Model I, it's already created another standard in personal computing. I am not about to tell Radio Shack how to run its business—after all, there aren't 8,000 Dennis Kitz stores across the world—but you know what I think? I think the Color Computer wipes even the legendary Apple right off the technological map. Challenges invited. Keep those electronic coloring books coming, Fort Worth.

#### Updates

Readers continue to ask about the Model I lowercase modification suggested in this column (December 1981). In some units there may be problems because of an apparent manufacturing flaw in the unused gate of Z25. To avoid prob-

lems, piggyback another 74LS32 atop Z25, soldering pins 7 and 14 to the chip below. Route the rest of the wires as described.

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# Notes from BENEATH the KEYBOARD

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**M**ULTIDOS is Vernon Hester's new disk operating system for the TRS-80 Model I. A Model III version was to have been released in January, 1982. MULTIDOS is available from the Cosmopolitan Electronics Corp, P.O. Box 234, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

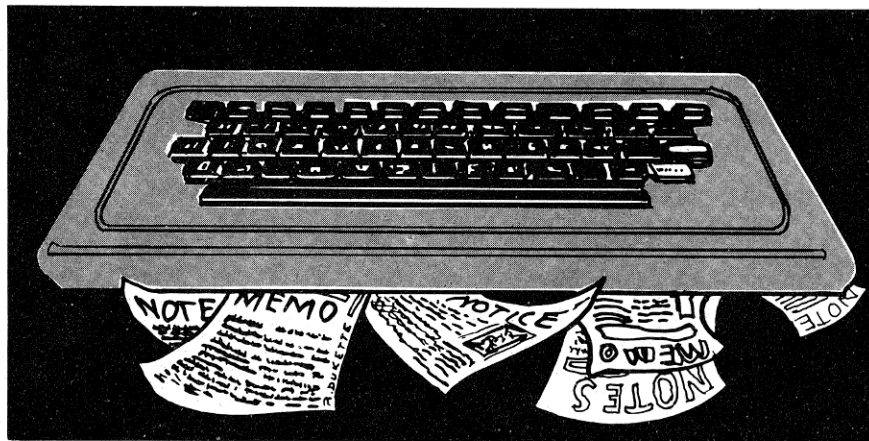
Vernon Hester is the author of the Basic debugging package Boss, and an earlier DOS called ULTRADOS. If you are familiar with Hester's earlier software, you probably expect MULTIDOS to be a well thought out, compact DOS, with a superior Disk Basic. You won't be disappointed.

Many programmers excel in a particular aspect of their work. For example, Kim Watt, author of Super Utility, is known for his disk I/O routines. Charlie Heath, creator of Instant Software's Life and Master Reversi programs, shines at optimizing code to perform with incredible speed. Hester's thing is compression. He jams so much programming into so few bytes you might suspect the RAM chips were put through a compacter. MULTIDOS, and especially its new SuperBasic, are the most outstanding examples of Hester's talent to date.

Two keynotes characterize MULTIDOS: interDOS-compatibility and super-efficient Disk Basic. Compatibility with other DOSs was one of Hester's major design goals. He was successful. MULTIDOS is capable of reading and writing files on TRSDOS, NEWDOS 2.1, VTOS, DBLDOS, ULTRADOS, DOSPLUS, NEWDOS80 and LDOS disks, in single and double densities.

With a single drive double density system, you can boot a single density MULTIDOS system disk and get a directory. Then remove the MULTIDOS disk, insert a double density DOSPLUS disk and get a directory of that too. If you have a four-drive system, you can keep a MULTIDOS disk in drive zero. DOSPLUS in drive 1, NEWDOS in drive 2 and LDOS in drive 3. Make this your permanent working configuration and you will rarely encounter compatibility difficulties. Model I MULTIDOS can also read and write disks from several Model III operating systems, but not Mod III TRSDOS.

MULTIDOS's omni-compatibility does have a few limitations. Before, when I said you could put an alien disk in drive zero to



get a directory I did not mean to imply that MULTIDOS is generally drive zero swappable with other DOS's. That only works for DIRs and single-drive copies.

Also, I have had occasional Load File Format errors when trying to load some alien /CMD files. Other than using the original DOS to load the problem file, then booting MULTIDOS and dumping the program, I have not yet found a way to beat the problem.

MULTIDOS, when used with the MicroProof spelling correction program, may have occasionally truncated some of my SCRIPSIT files. But there are so many different factors that I cannot be sure who the culprit is. It might even be (ahem, ahem) me.

## Disk Basic Review

Perhaps you are wondering what is so special about MULTIDOS Disk Basic. To give you an idea, let's review a few general facts about TRS-80 Basics. If you turn on a 48K Model I TRS-80, go into Level II Basic and enter ? MEM. you will find you have 48340 bytes free. In Disk Basic, there is noticeably less user memory available because the DOS itself takes up room, and Disk Basic offers several code consuming enhancements such as hex and octal to decimal conversions and user defined functions.

Radio Shack Disk Basic 2.2 running under TRSDOS 2.3 offers 38290 bytes free (with no high memory reserved and a default of three file buffers allocated). NEWDOS 2.1 Disk Basic has 38659 bytes available. This 369 byte improvement is more

impressive when you consider the fact that Apparat achieved this while adding several new Basic features, such as re-numbering and single-key editing commands. Their NEWDOS80 (version 1) Basic is back down to only 38263 free bytes, but many new enhancements have been added. LDOS 5.0 LBASIC has only 34913 bytes available. This is, in part, due to some Basic enhancements, but I believe most of the extra memory is being used by its very comprehensive operating system.

Some DOSs have more than one Basic allowing the user to choose between features and memory. Micro Systems Software's DOSPLUS has two Basics—a feature packed one and a stripped down (T for Tiny) TBASIC. The full-sized Basic gives you 37448 free bytes and the tiny one a whopping 40051. However, it would be deceptive to compare these figures to the others because DOSPLUS Basics come up with a default of zero files reserved, instead of three, as do the others. Entering DOSPLUS Basic with three files reserved leaves 35810 bytes free. Reserving three files for TBASIC leaves 38413 free. TBASIC, when compared on an equal footing to NEWDOS 2.1 Basic, loses out by 246 bytes.

Vernon Hester's earlier operating system, ULTRADOS, has three different Basics. In size and luxury, they run the gamut from motorbike to limousine.

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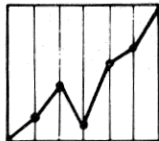
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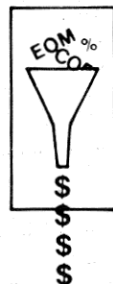


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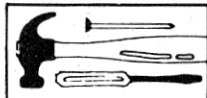
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tioned. SuperBasic has all the normal Disk Basic commands present in Radio Shack Disk Basic, plus the following:

**CMD C** compresses a program by removing linefeeds and spaces. This is a minimal compression utility. It does not remove REMark statements but is fairly intelligent. It does not compress text in quotes or data statements.

**CMD K** lets you instantly zero an array.

**CMD L** lets you delete an array and regain the memory previously allocated to it. If you desire, the array can then be redimensioned.

**CMD M** lets you move a line from one part of a Basic program to another. For instance, **CMD M**, 50,2000 copies line 50 to line 2000 and then deletes line 50.

**CMD N** works like **CMD M** except the original line is not deleted after being moved. Thus, **CMD N** lets you duplicate lines of code. **CMDs M** and **N** are handy because SuperBasic's renumbering feature will not allow you to move lines out of sequence. My complaint is that they only work on one line at a time. If you want to move or copy blocks of code, you have to do so line by line.

**CMD O** lets you allocate an additional file buffer. If you did not reserve enough files when you entered Basic, you do not have to go down to DOS and start again. Just enter **CMD O** and keep right on going. Like the other **CMD** functions, this can be executed under program control; so if you like, your program can allocate itself files as it needs them.

**CMD Q** invokes a fast machine language string sort. You can sort a one- or two-dimensional array. If the array is two-dimensional, you have to designate which array column is to be used as the key field. The sort can be ascending or descending, and you can specify that only part of an array is to be sorted.

A sort is a handy feature to have built into Basic, but I wish MULTIDOS's were not limited to just strings. This constraint has two disadvantages. If you want to sort numeric data, you have to first convert it all to strings via the **STR\$( )** function. Then, if you want to do arithmetic with the sorted values, they have to be reconverted to numbers with **VAL( )**. All this can be very time consuming. Secondly, string sorts, which are alphabetical, often yield results inappropriate to numbers. For instance, in an ascending alphabetical sort, the word zoo comes after the word aardvark because aardvark comes first in alphabetical order. This is valid despite the fact that aardvark is longer than zoo. But when the same logic is applied to strings which look like numbers, 95 is sorted out as being higher than 100, simply because 9 is the first character of 95, is greater than 1, the

first character of 100. However, I believe most, or all, TRS-80 Mod I DOSs which offer sorts with their Basics restrict themselves to string sorts.

**CMD V** prints out a list of all your program's currently assigned variables and their values. This is not to be confused with the normal cross-reference feature dating back to NEWDOS 2.1. The latter prints out the line numbers which refer to specified variables or line numbers (or all variables and line numbers), but gives no indication of the values assigned to those variables. In addition to **CMD V**, SuperBasic has the standard cross-reference feature accessed through the semi-colon(;).

**CMD X** is an unusual feature. The only other DOS I know of with this feature is Hester's other creation, ULTRADOS. It works in conjunction with the Basic # method of entering SuperBasic. These two commands allow you to shuttle back and forth between Disk Basic and Level II. Their purpose is to allow the convenience of SuperBasic while developing and debugging programs intended to run in Level II.

**CMD** command has been in most DOSs since NEWDOS 2.1. With it you can execute any machine language program, or DOS library command, directly from Basic. MULTIDOS's version of **CMD** command is much better than the early NEWDOS 2.1. The desired command is executed immediately—the pause before and after has been dispensed with. And not as much memory is required, so your attempt is less likely to be thwarted by an out of memory message.

MULTIDOS's **CMD** command even lets you nest Basic within itself. If you enter **CMD Basic**, Basic will then reload *within* itself. You can then write, load, save and execute programs as usual. If you enter **CMD S**, instead of going back to DOS, you return to the previous level of Basic with its variables, **For . . . Next** and **GOSUB . . . Return** stacks intact! You can write a program which recursively loads another level of Basic, reloads itself into that level of Basic, and repeats until there is no more memory left. There must be a practical application for that capability somewhere, but I haven't come up with one yet.

To enter SuperBasic from DOS, you use the syntax which has been standard since NEWDOS 2.1. You are not prompted with the Memory Size? and How Many Files? questions. Simply typing Basic will bring up SuperBasic without any memory being reserved, and defaulting to three disk file buffers allocated. To reserve memory, files or both, specify your desire in the Basic invocation line. You can also append a

Basic command to the line. For example,

BASIC 5,55000 , RUN "STAMPER/BAS

loads Basic reserving memory starting at 55000 decimal and allocates five disk file buffers. Once Basic is in control, the program STAMPER/BAS is automatically loaded and executed.

MULTIDOS also follows the NEWDOS 2.1 standard by allowing you to use Basic \* to reenter Basic and recover the Basic program in memory before Basic was last exited. MULTIDOS however, surpasses the NEWDOS standard with its Basic!. Basic! is similar to Basic \* except the former recovers programs left in memory by alien Basics. If you have difficulty loading an alien Basic program into SuperBasic, you can boot its home DOS with its version of Basic, load the program and reboot MULTIDOS. Then enter Basic! and a few seconds later you'll be in SuperBasic with the program still in memory. Then you can resave the program and SuperBasic should be able to reload it at will. And as I mentioned before, Basic # lets you recover a program left in memory by Level II.

SuperBasic supports the short hand introduced by NEWDOS Basic, namely ".," for list the current line, "," for edit the current line, up-arrow for list the previous line, down-arrow for list the next line, shift up-arrow for list the first line, shift down-arrow for list the last line, L for List, W for Edit and D for Delete.

In addition, SuperBasic adds "I" for list the last Break-in line, P for list a page of text, C for Continue, and R for Run. I think the most significant of these is P which gives SuperBasic page-scrolling capability. The only other Basic I know of with this feature is NEWDOS80.

SuperBasic has introduced a minor change from prior Disk Basics. The H can be dropped from the syntax for hex to decimal conversions. To convert 2FAD hex to decimal, type either ?&H2FAD or just ?&2FAD.

SuperBasic has advanced editing commands. Fstring will search your program for every occurrence of "string" and list the line numbers it is found in. If "string" occurs more than once in any line, you will be told how many times it was present in that line.

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Pressing "-" (minus) and then Enter will invoke an intelligent global editor (GE). There are a great many things the GE allows you to do. Suppose you have the variables A, X, AX, and XF in your program and the program contains the line,

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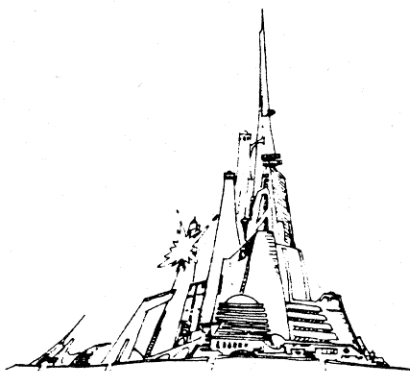
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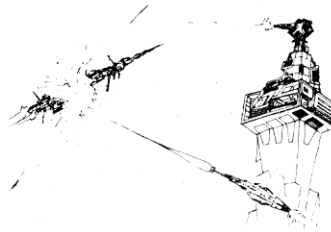
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You could tell the global editor to change all occurrences of X to Y, but only where it occurred in a single-letter variable. The variable X would be replaced with Y in your text, while the variables AX and XF would be left alone. The word AX would also be unchanged.

You can tell GE to only alter the left-most character of multicharacter variables. In this case, changing X to Y would replace all the XF's with YF's without altering the X's or AX's. Likewise, you could change only the second letter of multicharacter variables. Or you might alter only quoted text. Then the line 510 would become

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519 W$ = "AY"
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and everything else would be left alone.

The GE will also globally edit reserved words. You can change Prints to LPRINTs or remove all Stops. The GE also can change CHR\$( ) statements to statements with space-saving compressed graphic-strings. This is true whenever the CHR\$( ) represents graphic or space-compression characters. MULTIDOS also lets you type compressed graphics directly in from the keyboard. Once compressed graphics have been entered into a program, instead of generating garbary listings as in other Basics, they will list looking just like the graphics they represent. Lines containing graphics can be edited in the normal manner. In combination, these features simplify the design of Christopherson-like graphics.

Meanwhile, back at the GE, there is still more it can do, like by allowing you to merge or split Basic program lines. With

all GE operations you can restrict the operation by specifying a range of line numbers.

My only reservation about the GE is its complexity. There are many specifiers and special delimiter characters to remember. To specify the variable AX as the target, you simply enter AX (no delimiters). To change only variables which start with X, you must enter X' (a single quote to the right of the X and none to the left). To change Xs only, without affecting any multicharacter variables, you enter 'X'. And to change the keyword TO, you surround it as follows: <TO>. To change CHR\$( ) statements representing graphics to compressed strings, you enter + (a plus sign) as the editing target. If the CHR\$( ) expressions you want to convert represent string compression codes, you enter \* (asterisk) as the target.

To merge Basic lines, you use a / (slash) followed by a line number. To split a line, you use a - (minus sign) followed by the text at the split point of the target line. My feeling is that while the GE is a valuable Basic utility, it will take a lot of getting used to before it can be used comfortably without referring to the documentation.

## Renumbering and Name Commands

Like most other Disk Basics, SuperBasic has a line renumbering facility. You access it by typing ":" (colon). Entering just ":" merely checks for errors; entering ":" followed by four parameters invokes the actual renumbering function. The parameters are the first new line number, the new increment, the lowest old line number to be altered and the last old line number

to be altered. All line numbers outside the specified range are left alone.

Renumber's inability to move blocks of code is only partly compensated for by the CMD M and N functions. SuperBasic's renumber does, however, have another capability, which, so far as I know, is not available in other Disk Basics. You use it to recover from a New command. Renumber the program not there by typing ":" and—presto, now you don't see it, now you do—your program is back and can be listed, edited, run and saved. SuperBasic's renumber can renumber programs containing a line numbered zero (0), and programs with compressed graphics.

The Name command lets you load and run a program without re-initializing the variables set by a previous program. You can follow Name with either a filename or a string variable containing a file name. Using Name under program control allows true Basic chaining.

SuperBasic does not have the various special file modes of NEWDOS80. It does incorporate NEWDOS 2.1's old trick of allowing you to add data to the end of an existing sequential file via the Open E option. And, as stated earlier, SuperBasic supports variable record length files. Other than that, its sequential and random I/O is pretty standard. Yet all things considered, SuperBasic is more feature packed than any other DOS Basic.

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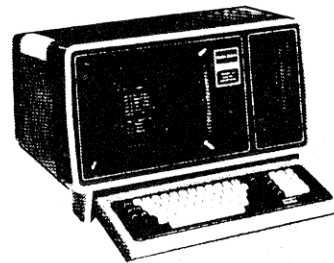
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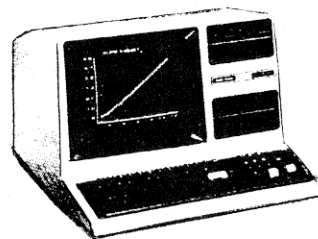
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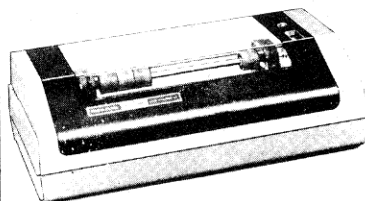
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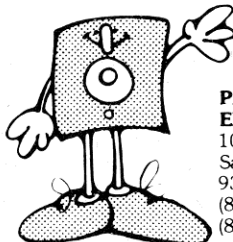
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## There's More

MULTIDOS also comes with a file called BBASIC. The extra B is for Boss—Hester's debugging package. Boss Basic has all the features of SuperBasic, plus its own specialties. In Boss, the "@" key becomes a control key, much as in SCRIP-SIT. It works in conjunction with the keys 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, down-arrow, up-arrow, N and O keys, thus establishing 11 special control functions.

@1 and @2, respectively, turn off and on the trace function. This is not the standard Basic Trace, but a special enhanced Boss version. Instead of filling the screen with line numbers and wreaking havoc with your display, the trace presentation restricts itself to the upper-right edge of the top four screen lines.

The number of the first line executed during a trace is displayed at the end of the top line of the video. The next line number is displayed below that, and so on. The fifth line number will replace the first one on the top line. The trace continues to cycle through those four locations. You can always tell which line number is current, because a ">" (greater than) character acts a pointer.

If it seems this arrangement would make the numbers disappear too rapidly, read on! Boss has several features to ensure you will not miss a single step (a single singlestep?) of your trace.

## The DOS Itself

Though Basic is MULTIDOS's specialty, the DOS itself is nothing to sneeze at. It has many practical and unique features, and some special utilities as well. One interesting feature is the Mighty Multi. This is sort of a small scale implementation of the MINI-DOS concept. Mighty Multi allows you to access certain DOS features while running an applications program, provided the program does not interfere with DOS's interrupt processing. Whenever you press ":" and ";" (colon and semicolon) simultaneously, the program running pauses allowing you to execute any of Mighty Multi's functions. When you are through with Mighty Multi, your program resumes as if it had never been interrupted. Mighty Multi does not however, restore the video to the pre-interruption display.

NEWDOS80's MINIDOS, which I believe was the first to appear for the TRS-80, allows you to access almost any DOS function. LDOS 5.1's restricts you to: toggling the clock display on and off; entering DEBUG, FREE, DIR, KILL a file; sending a

top of form to a printer; sending any specified character to a printer; or repeating the last issued DOS command. MULTIDOS' is restricted to only four functions: DIR, Copy a file, Kill a file, or List a file.

Mighty Multi does not have a repeat-last-DOS-command function. One is not really needed since pressing Enter, without any other input, automatically repeats the last DOS command anyway. You can even do a little command editing. Suppose you have just entered the following command:

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DUMP W2/TST:0(START = X'71A5',  
END = X'7AEF',TRA = X'71B0')
```

and you get an Improper File Name message. On closer inspection, you notice you accidentally typed 2W>TST instead of W2/TST. If you are like me, retyping such dump commands gives you headaches. With MULTIDOS you need only retype DUMP W2/

After typing the slash, press Clear and Enter. The entire corrected Dump command will be entered and executed by MULTIDOS.

MULTIDOS has two different screen printing functions: plain old JKL and HJK. JKL sends the contents of the screen to

## *"Hester's thing is compression."*

the printer, translating all graphics characters into dot. But if you are lucky enough to have a printer with the capacity to print TRS-80 graphics, the HJK option sends the graphics as they are.

Other DOS's allow you to preconfigure your system to perform one type of dump or the other. MULTIDOS leaves both options at your finger tips. This would be an advantage for people who frequently switch between the two printers; but for the rest of us it could be a disadvantage, because of the potential for pressing the wrong set of keys.

MULTIDOS is exceptionally fast. Its boot-up sequence, library commands and general disk I/O are all quick.

DOS command lines can contain more than one command. If you enter DIR :1,FREE (note the separation by comma), you first get a directory of drive 1 and then a display of the free space on all your active disk drives. By the way, MULTIDOS is the only DOS I know of whose Free command displays totals of the free space on all your drives as well as for each individual drive. It also totals vacant directory file slots for you.

MULTIDOS prompts you for the date

when you first boot-up. If you don't want to enter MM/DD/YYYY, just hit Enter to bypass the question. If you have already entered the date in a previous MULTIDOS session, and you have not yet powered down and nothing has overwritten MULTIDOS' date storage area, MULTIDOS will remember the date and bypass the date prompt automatically. MULTIDOS also remembers the time through a reset.

It is generally a good idea to enter the date, since MULTIDOS will then automatically include it in the directory entries of files saved during that session. It can be retrieved via the DIR (A) command. This can be helpful in determining which file is the latest version of a program. While MULTIDOS's use of the date is not as comprehensive as LDOS, it is a feature most DOS's do not include at all.

## MULTIDOS Library

MULTIDOS has all the library and utility features of TRSDOS and a good many others. I will only outline the ones that make MULTIDOS outstanding. So if you do not see something mentioned here do not assume it is lacking in MULTIDOS; there's just no need to rehash it.

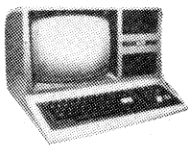
Speaking of hashing, MULTIDOS's Hash command calculates the hash code for any file you specify.

MULTIDOS' Build and Do commands comprise a chaining function. Build allows you to create a preprogrammed series of DOS commands and save them in a file. Later you can execute the file via the Do command. While this is not as sophisticated as LDOS's Job Control Language (JCL), MULTIDOS's ability to nest Do files puts it a step ahead of most other DOSs in the chaining department.

The TOPMEM nnnn command lets you enter an address above where the DOS ain't allowed to mess around. It is similar to answering the Memory Size? question in Basic. You can enter the address in either decimal or hex. If you enter TOPMEM without an address, MULTIDOS will return the address currently protected by TOPMEM.

Clear, zeros all memory between 5200H (the beginning of user, or /CMD file, memory) and TOPMEM. I am not sure what someone would use this for, except possibly as preparation for a project in which, at some stage, memory has to be inspected to see what was altered by the previous stage of the project.

@3 directs the trace to your printer. If you have a printer, this feature is all you will need to ensure you don't ever lose track of a trace because of a clear screen statement in the target program. You can turn the printer trace off or redirect it to the video with the @2, and @1 keys.



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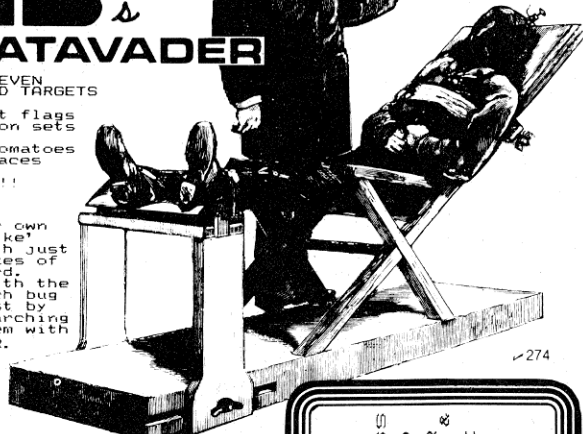
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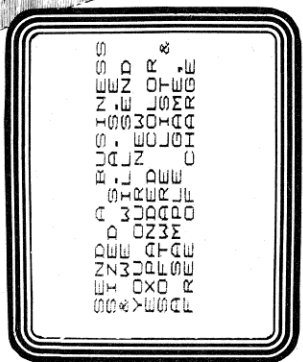
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@4, @5, @6 and @7 control the Basic singlestep mode. @4 turns singlestep off, @5 turns on the singlestep-by-line mode. In this mode, the target program will pause before starting to execute each program line and wait for you to press a key. This allows you to observe the line number being executed (as revealed by Boss' trace function) and the effect of that program line.

@6 turns on the singlestep-by-statement mode. This is just like its line-by-line equivalent, except the pause occurs before each statement. This allows you to singlestep through multiple statement lines.

@7 sets a mode to provide automatic continuous singlestepping with a user selectable delay. The auto-singlestepping stops either before each line or each statement, as you desire. After a brief pause, the next line or statement is executed. You can slow down the stepping by pressing @ down-arrow. Conversely, you can speed up the trace by holding down @ up-arrow.

The control functions @1-@7 can be turned on and off from within a program. To do this, you insert a

POKE 16667,n

statement into your program at the point where you want to change the trace status. N is one of the control digits. That is not as easy as typing TRON or TROFF into a program; but in view of the extra capabilities, it's well worth the extra memorization (or peeks in the manual).

Boss also allows you to keep track of critical target variables. If you type @N, you are prompted to enter the list of the variables which most concern you. There is a limit to the number of variables you can specify: 128 variables for those with one character name lengths of eight variables 16-31 characters long. In case you're wondering what variable could have a 16 character name here is an example from the MULTIDOS manual. Its name length is 19 characters long, counting the subscripts: T#(F,(B(A,N), G(E))).

You can key @N and enter the variable specification dialogue while your program is running, or while in the Basic ready mode. Once the variables have been selected, pressing @0 allows you to see the current values of those variables. Also, @0 gives you an opportunity to edit the variable list. To return control to your Ba-

sic program press Clear twice and wonder of wonders, your program's display restores itself and execution continues with the screen looking just as it did before the interruption.

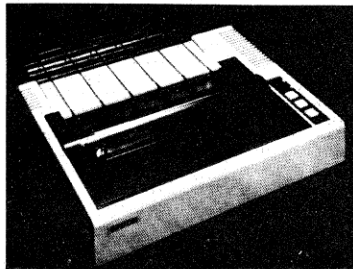
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Dead is much like Clear, except it does not restrict itself to the range between 5200 and TOPMEM. It zeros memory from 4000H (the start of RAM) to the top of physical memory. This effectively causes a reboot with a clean memory slate. To reboot without reinitializing memory, you simply enter Boot.

Auto in MULTIDOS is somewhat better than other DOS Autos. Here the Auto statement may contain several DOS commands instead of just one. You can make an Auto command undefeatable, in the sense that holding down Enter during boot-up will not prevent its execution. To do so, use an exclamation mark (!) before the Auto command. For example: !BASIC

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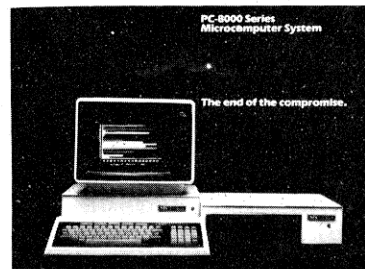


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# Notes from BENEATH the KEYBOARD

RUN ACCOUNTS. If instead of "!" you use "#" (pound sign), the Auto line will be invisible on boot-up. If you enter AUTO #CLOCK, the next time you boot-up, the clock display will immediately be turned on, but you will not see the word Clock on your screen.

The Break command is a switch to enable and disable the Break key. This can be used in combination with the undefeatable Auto statement to produce a disk which will always load and run an UNBREAKABLE Basic program. This could be useful when you have to entrust certain critical operations to an unsupervised employee.

Since VTOS introduced the concept of device independence to TRS-80dom, most DOSs have included commands like Route or Link, MULTIDOS has both. Their application is limited to the video (DO) and printer (PR) devices. Route PRDO will video display anything which would normally have been printed. This is useful for people without printers. Route DOPR does the opposite. Link PRDO will cause information to be both printed and displayed. These two features are a far cry from the true device independence of VTOS and LDOS, but they are useful nonetheless.

MULTIDOS's KEYBRD (for keyboard) and CONFIG (for configure) commands perform a similar set of functions to those performed by the System command of some other DOSs. They allow you to custom reconfigure MULTIDOS to your own specifications. KEYBRD lets you enable or disable the lowercase driver, the graphics driver, key repeat, the clear key and the blinking cursor. It also lets you select your own cursor character.

The effect of the KEYBRD command is not immediate. It takes effect the next time you boot-up the disk. If you have enabled the lowercase driver, MULTIDOS makes sure your system is capable of displaying lowercase before turning it on.

CONFIG lets you alter and display default power-up drive attributes. This refers to the density (single or double) and stepping rate (6, 12, 20, or 40 ms) of each disk. If the default density setting is incorrect for a particular drive, MULTIDOS's automatic density recognition detects this and ensures that you still have proper disk I/O.

MULTIDOS's DEBUG module has some unique features. Like the standard DEBUG package, you can use I to execute a single machine language instruction, or C which has the same effect, except that CALLED or RESTARTed routines are executed in full. However, MULTIDOS's DEBUG has an automatic continuous repeat mode for each of these commands allowing you to perform high speed ma-

chine language traces. This is analogous to Basic's TRON.

MULTIDOS's Forms command is similar to those of several other DOSs. It lets you establish print formatting parameters for printing operations performed by DOS and Basic. You can define such factors as the width of the print line, the length of a page and the number of blanks between pages. MULTIDOS does not provide left margin control.

## Utilities

These days the big buzz phrase is *user-friendly*. That description is probably more applicable to MULTIDOS than to other Model 1 DOS. A primary reason for this is MULTIDOS's Help file. Like Models 2 and 3 TRSDOS, MULTIDOS will show you the syntax for most of its commands, without sending you to the manual. To see the proper syntax for using the Dump command, you enter Help Dump, and the information is displayed.

Skip is a utility for reading 35 or 40-track disks on an 80-track disk drive. This is extremely useful for people (like me!) who

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all the features  
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specialties."*

have upgraded to a higher capacity disk drive only to have trouble accessing the files on their old disks. Even if you've had 80-track drives right from the start, most of the disk software you buy comes on 35-track disks.

MULTIDOS's Spool utility, like others of its ilk, allows printing operations to take place while you do other computer work, instead of tying up the system until the printout is finished. MULTIDOS's Spool lets you specify the size of the RAM buffer used for this purpose. In my experiments with spool, I found that when I selected a large buffer, the keyboard response seemed as fast as if no printing was taking place, even though my MX-80 was chugging away. But when I selected the smallest allowable RAM buffer (256 byte), it was as if there was no spooling operation in effect at all. I had to wait until the printout was finished before the keyboard would listen to me.

VFU is MULTIDOS's Versatile File Utility. It allows you to perform a number of disk functions. They are Copy, Execute, Purge and Hard Copy. The Copy and

Purge functions allow you to deal with groups of files, without the repetitious input required for Killing or Copying them one at a time. If you want to copy 10 files from the disk in drive zero to the disk in drive one, you enter VFU by typing VFU. You then get a menu of choices. If you press C for Copy, you can then choose between a selective or total copy. If you key S for Selective, you will be asked whether invisible files should be included—likewise for system files. Then you are prompted to enter source and destination drive numbers. In the example we are considering, you would enter 0 and 1, respectively.

A directory of the source drive will then be put on the screen. It will contain only the files belonging to the classes you specified. In other words, invisible or system files will not be presented if you had not selected those categories during the preceding dialogue. This VFU directory display is actually a menu. You can move the cursor from entry to entry. Keying Y will tell VFU the file under the cursor is to be copied. In our example, you would specify the 10 files you want copied. Then, you would press Enter and all 10 files would be copied to the destination disk without your having to type another keystroke.

Purge works the same way as Copy, except the specified files are Killed, instead of copied. Execute does the same thing that typing in a file's name directly from DOS would do. I do not see any advantage to using VFU for this purpose. Hard Copy prints out a listing of a disk's directory, suitable for keeping in a disk jacket.

GR is the graphics utility I referred to earlier. You select it by typing GR, or through the KEYBRD command. It can be enabled or disabled by using the Shift Clear key as a toggle. When enabled, it allows you to type any graphics character directly from the keyboard.

RS stands for RAM Scan. This utility allows you to search memory for any byte or word. You can tell RS to only report occurrences of the target value which are the object of certain machine language instructions. The parameters allowable in a RAM Scan search are:

Call	Non
Carry	Sign Positive
Jump	Parity Even
Load	Parity Odd
Sign Minus	Zero

They all have one letter abbreviations.

Again, I am not sure just what the normal application of this utility is. But just when I had decided it was fairly useless, I had occasion to employ it.

It seems I cannot write anything these days without bumping my head against



one aspect or another of the software copyright controversy. Well, here we go again. Apparat has received criticism because their original DOS, NEWDOS 2.1, was mostly enhanced Tandy code. Their literature only documented the enhancements, leaving the bulk of the DOS undocumented thus forcing users to obtain TRSDOS legitimately in order to decipher NEWDOS. This was their gesture of protection to Tandy.

Back in those days, TRSDOS was a pretty flaky system. Tandy was not doing a great job of supporting it, either. It was lucky for all of us that NEWDOS came out when it did. In my opinion, Apparat greatly contributed to the TRS-80's success by making it a more powerful, reliable system.

In NEWDOS Plus, Apparat did the same copy, enhance, but don't document trick with Microsoft's Editor/Assembler. Unlike TRSDOS, the Editor/Assembler was a fine product and Microsoft was not substandard in their product support. I believe Apparat did Microsoft an injustice in this case.

Now Vernon Hester has turned the

table on Apparat. He has taken the Apparat EDTASM, which is basically the Microsoft Editor/Assembler patched for a disk system, and added enhancements of his own. He has put the whole kit and caboodle on MULTIDOS under the name of EA. He only documented the portions he changed. Features unaltered from the Microsoft/Apparat version are not described.

It's a pretty good joke on Apparat—poetic justice you might say. It would be quite awkward for Apparat to protest. But it does perpetuate the injustice done to Microsoft. I am sure Hester meant no harm but as I'd rather not involve myself in the situation I will refrain from describing MULTIDOS's EA utility, other than by saying that it is there.

#### Documentation

The organization of MULTIDOS's documentation is similar to that of TRSDOS, starting with a general description of the DOS and its special features. The various library commands are then treated in alphabetical order. The utilities are dealt with next. Finally, the features of Super-Basic and Boss Basic are described. The

manual is replete with examples of user input and descriptions of their results. Anyone already familiar with TRSDOS or any other TRS-80 operating system should have no difficulty learning the ins and outs of MULTIDOS from its documentation.

#### Conclusions

MULTIDOS's Basic is unequalled, in both features and size, among TRS-80 Disk Basics. The DOS is probably the most universally compatible DOS, inter-system wise, of any TRS-80 operating system. It is not as comprehensive as LDOS or NEWDOS-80, but it is very fast with many unique and convenient features.

The price, at time of writing, is only about \$80, a low price for a DOS of this quality. This is partly because MULTIDOS lacks some utilities such as disk-zap and tape/disk programs. Hester is working to correct these omissions. As more utilities are added to MULTIDOS, the price may go up. If you use your system mostly for Basic programming, or would benefit from MULTIDOS's special compatibility, MULTIDOS might be a best buy for you. ■

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cent bracket) which would be the same as making \$192 ordinary income from a T-Bill or CD. This, plus the interest received of \$75, equals an investment which would have returned the same after taxes as a CD paying 20.2 percent. There was no such animal... and this was worst case! As it turned out, the common stock went up to over \$50 at which time the bond was worth  $28.8 \times 50$  or \$1,440 in common stock. It's true that in this case buying the common stock would have been more profitable as it increased 92 percent while the convertible bond went up only 63 percent... but... my stock selections don't always go up (how sad)... so one must look at the risk side of the equation.

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October. Had a brokerage firm advised its clients to buy this bond they would never have been able to fill the orders... because... only just over 4,000 of these bonds were ever issued. On any market day, perhaps ten to 50 of them were for sale. Most were held by professionals who saw no reason to sell. There is no point in getting clients excited about something they can't get at a favorable price. That would be bad PR. Furthermore, the commissions on common stocks are from two to six times what they are on bonds. Unavailable in quantity... not a high profit item (for the broker)... neglected... save for a few professionals.

I am frequently asked why companies issue convertible securities? If they need to borrow money why not just issue regular bonds? Another example is in order: The Board of Directors of the XYZ Company decides that the Company should borrow five million dollars to finance

### Program Listing

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10 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS BY J. MAYNARD KEYNES
WRITTEN FOR 80 MICROCOMPUTING":PRINT:PRINT
30 CLEAR:DEFINT E
35 REM LINE 40 DIMENTIONED FOR 16K (20 SECURITIES) INCREASE IF
MORE MEMORY AVAILABLE
40 CLEAR5000:DIMA$(20),H$(20),A(20),B(20),C(20),D(20),E(20),F(20)
50 HH=0:Y=0:P=64:AL=50:Z$="####":X$="####":K$="###.###":OS="$######":
ONERROR GOTO 890
60 INPUT"FROM DISK=1 CREATE NEW PORTFOLIO=2 FROM CASSETTE=3":AA
70 IF AA=2 THEN HH=1:GOTO 230 ELSE IF AA=3 THEN 80 ELSE 150
80 CLS:PRINT#512,"WHEN CASSETTE RECORDER READY PRESS 'ENTER'.":;INPUT:CLS:P
RINT#512,"STANDBY, LOOKING FOR SYNC BITE."
90 CMD"t":INPUT#-1,A6,J5,J1,G1,H1,I1:
REM DELETE CMD"t" IF NO EXPANSION INTERFACE
100 CLS:PRINTA6;" ITEMS ARE BEING LOADED FROM CASSETTE
110 FOR I=1 TO A6:INPUT#-1,A$(I),A(I),B(I),C(I),E(I),D(I),F(I)
120 PRINTA$(I);:REM TO LET YOU KNOW SOMETHING IS GOING ON...
130 N=N+1:Y=Y+1
140 NEXT:AL=A6:CLS:GOSUB860:FOR I=1 TO AL:GOTO450
150 O=0:AL=1:INPUT"WHICH FILE DO YOU WANT?":FF$
160 INPUT"FROM WHICH DRIVE":W$
170 OPEN"i",1,FF$+": "+W$
180 REM DISK INPUT MUST BE MIRROR IMAGE OF HOW IT WAS SAVED.
190 IF O=1 THEN 150 ELSE IF EOF(1) THEN AL=AL-1:GOTO220
200 INPUT#1,A$(AL),A(AL),B(AL),C(AL),D(AL):AL=AL+1:Y=Y+1:
N=N+1:GOTO190
210 GOTO160
220 CLOSE:FOR I=1 TO AL:GOTO360
230 FOR I=1 TO AL
240 CLS:N=N+1:Y=Y+1
250 PRINT"SECURITY#";I:INPUT"NAME OR STOCK SYMBOL.":A$(I)
260 IF A$(I)=" THEN GOSUB 960
270 INPUT"NUMBER OF SHARES OWNED?":A(I)
280 REM LINES 250,270,300,320, & 340 PROVIDE RANDOM PRICES AND
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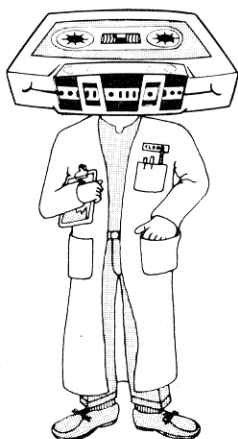
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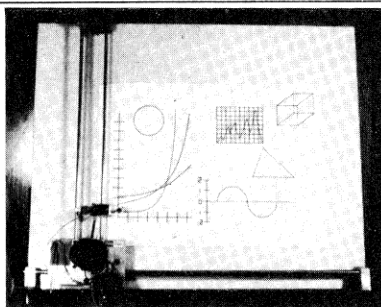
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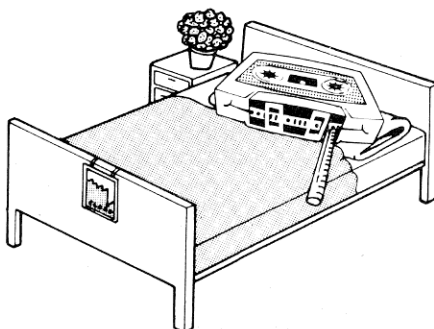


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NAME AND PRICES ETC.
290 IFA(I)<.1 THEN A(I)=RND(500)
300 INPUT"PRICE PAID PER SHARE EG. 36 3/8 = 36.375";B(I)
310 IFB(I)<.1 THEN B(I)=RND(50)
320 INPUT"CURRENT VALUE PER SHARE.";C(I)
330 IF C(I)<.1 THEN C(I)=RND(50)
340 INPUT"CURRENT YEARLY DIVIDEND EG. 80 CENTS=.80";D(I)
350 IFD(I)<.001 THEN D(I)=RND(0)+1
360 E(I)=(A(I)*C(I))-(A(I)*B(I)): REM P/L ON EACH SECURITY
370 J1=J1+E(I): REM TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS
380 F(I)=D(I)/C(I)*100: REM YEARLY % RETURN
390 G1=G1+(C(I)*A(I)): REM TOTAL VALUE
400 H1=H1+(D(I)*A(I)): REM TOTAL DOLLAR RETURN
410 I1=H1/G1*100: REM TOTAL PERCENTAGE RETURN ON PORTFOLIO
420 IFH1=1THENINPUT"TO END =1 FOR ANOTHER ENTRY PRESS 'ENTER'.";N1:IFN1=1T
HENAL=N:GOTO440
430 NEXT I
440 CLS:GOSUB860: FOR I=1 TO AL
450 PRINT@P+1,A$(I)
460 PRINT@P+16,A(I): PRINT@P+24,B(I): PRINT@P+33,USINGZ$;C(I):
PRINT@P+42,USINGX$;E(I): PRINT@P+49,USINGK$;D(I):
PRINT@P+57,USINGK$;F(I)
470 U=U+1: IFU=14 THEN P=0: INPUT"NEXT PAGE, PRESS 'ENTER'";A9: U=0: CLS: G
OSUB860
480 P=P+64: NEXT
490 PRINT"FOR RECAP OF TOTALS, PRESS 'ENTER'": INPUTD$:
CLS: PRINT: PRINT
500 PRINT"PORTFOLIO VALUE = ";: PRINTUSINGO$;G1
510 PRINT"TOTAL YEARLY RETURN = ";: PRINTUSINGO$;H1
520 PRINT"PERCENTAGE RETURN ON CURRENT VALUE = ";: PRINTUSINGK$;I1
530 IFJ1<.1 THEN J$="LOSS" ELSE J$="PROFIT"
540 PRINT"TOTAL PORTFOLIO HAS A CUMULATIVE ";J$;" OF ";:
PRINTUSING"$$####.##";J1
550 HH=0:PRINT: PRINT"SAVE OR PRINT OUT FILE =99 RE DISPLAY=0 ": IN
PUT"ADD ANOTHER SECURITY ENTER HOW MANY";A2: IFA2=0 THEN U=0: P=64: GOTO4
40 ELSE IFA2=99 THEN 560 ELSE A1=Y+A2: P=64: U=0: FOR I=Y+1 TO A1: GOT
O240
560 CLS
570 PRINT"SAVE FILE TO DISK = 1
580 PRINT"TO PRINTER = 2
590 PRINT"TO CASSETTE = 3
600 INPUTA4
610 IFA4=2 THEN 710 ELSE IF A4=3 GOTO680
620 O=0: INPUT"NAME OF FILE TO BE SAVED TO DISK";Y$
630 INPUT"TO WHICH DRIVE?";W$
640 OPEN"O",1,Y$+":"+W$
650 CLS: PRINT@518,"SAVING TO DISK"
660 IFO=1 THEN 620
670 FOR I=1 TO A1: PRINT#1,A$(I);",";A(I);B(I);C(I);D(I): NEXT: CLOSE: GOTO
550
680 CMD"T":REM DELETE IF
NO EXPANSION INTERFACE
690 A6=A1: CLS: PRINTA6;" ITEMS ARE BEING SAVED TO CASSETTE":
PRINT#-1,A6,J$,J1,G1,H1,I1
700 FOR I=1 TO A1: PRINT#-1,A$(I),A(I),B(I),C(I),E(I),D(I),F(I): NEXT: GOTO
550
710 IFPEEK(14312)<>63 THEN CLS:GOTO900
720 FOR I=1 TO 64: LPRINT"$";: NEXT: LPRINT: LPRINT"."
730 LPRINT"SECURITY NAME";,"SHARES ";," COST ";," CURRENT ";," P/L";," D
IV.";," % RETURN"
740 REM PRINTER ROUTINE
750 FOR I=1 TO A1
760 LPRINTTAB(1)A$(I);
770 LPRINTTAB(16)A(I);: LPRINTTAB(24)B(I);: LPRINTTAB(33)USINGZ$;C(I);: LPR
INTTAB(42)USINGX$;E(I);: LPRINTTAB(49)USINGK$;D(I);: LPRINTTAB(57)USINGK$;F
(I)
780 NEXT
790 LPRINT: LPRINT: LPRINT
800 LPRINT"PORTFOLIO VALUE = ";: LPRINTUSINGO$;G1
810 LPRINT"TOTAL YEARLY RETURN = ";: LPRINTUSINGO$;H1
820 LPRINT"PERCENTAGE RETURN ON CURRENT VALUE = ";: LPRINTUSINGK$;I1
830 IFU1<.001 THEN J$="LOSS" ELSE J$="PROFIT"
840 LPRINT"TOTAL PORTFOLIO HAS A CUMULATIVE ";J$;" OF ";J1
850 GOTO550
860 PRINT"SECURITY NAME";,"SHARES ";," COST ";," CURRENT ";," P/L";," DI
V.";," % RETURN": RETURN
870 REM IN CASE A MISTAKE IS MADE!
880 CLOSE:O=1:CLS
890 O=1:FOR V=1 TO 6:PRINT"ERROR! WRONG DRIVE OR FILESPEC":PRINT:NEXTV:RESU
ME NEXT
900 PRINT@514,"TURN ON YOUR PRINTER DUMMY!"
910 INPUT"IS YOUR PRINTER ON Y/N";C$:IFC$="N" THEN 550
920 IFPEEK(14312)=63 THEN 720
930 CLS:FOR I=1 TO 26:
PRINT"QUIT TRYING TO FOOL ME...TURN THE %$&# PRINTER ON":
FOR O=1 TO 50:NEXTO,I:GOTO710
940 DATA CRISISLER,WAYNE GREEN INC.,80 US,DINGBAT COMPUTER,DOS MINUS,E.F. M
UTTON,MERRELL CINCH,SCHEME WITTER,PAINE ROBBER
950 DATA CRAP APPLE,TANDY DANDY,JERKCOM DATA,NEVER SAY DIE,END
960 READH$:IFH$="END"THEN RESTORE:GOTO960 ELSE A$(I)=H$:RETURN

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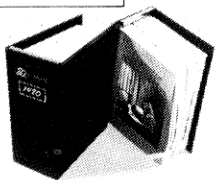
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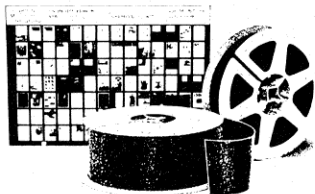
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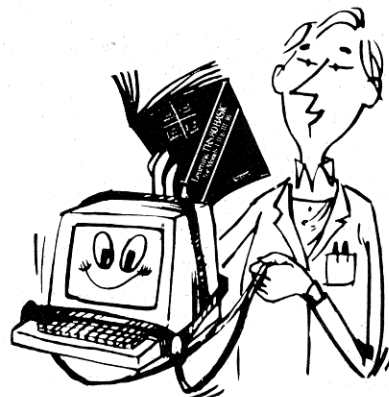
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# EDUCATION 80

by Earl R. Savage

*"... the paper monster  
is your ace in the hole."*

**M***icrocomputers in the Schools* is a collection of 25 articles, papers and reports edited by James L. Thomas. Along with its helpful bibliography and useful appendices it considers such issues as the selection of a microcomputer, hardware and software development, applications in the curriculum (case histories), and trends and issues.

This volume presents a rounded picture of educational uses of micros. Though the various writers express compatible views, their differences of opinion become most apparent when forecasting the future.

My only complaint about *Microcomputers in the Schools* applies to all books and periodicals concerning microcomputers. The simple fact is new developments affecting the power of these machines take place so rapidly that anything in print may be behind the times. But then, in the computer field we are accustomed to this and make mental updates as we read.

Altogether, *Microcomputers in the Schools* presents plenty of useful and interesting ideas and information. It is primarily practical rather than theoretical in approach. If you cannot find a copy locally, contact the Oryx Press, 2214 N. Central at Encanto, #106, Phoenix, AZ 85004.

## The Administration and Computers

For almost two years this column has discussed a variety of educational computer applications. Looking back, one important area has received little attention.

Now that the end of the academic year is just around the corner, a look at the potential of computers in school administration is needed.

There are at least two good reasons teachers should take an interest in this topic. Instruction cannot take place in a vacuum. Classrooms, materials and supplies, salaries, heat, custodians, textbooks, buses and a whole list of things are needed to make instruction possible today. The provision of such materials is the province of the administration.

Anything which increases the effectiveness and efficiency of school administration also increases the *potential* of the instructional program. Administration, like instruction, has grown in complexity;

legal and regulatory requirements have increased almost beyond reason. Consequently, computers are needed as much in school offices as they are in the classrooms.

When a computer provides an administrator with more, better and quicker information and service, classroom teachers benefit both directly and indirectly. Furthermore, the administrator who uses a computer is more likely to see the advantages for having one in the classroom.

Being reasonably objective about the question, I suggest that teachers who want computers for CAI should be equally aggressive about *selling* the computer to the administration.

To sell anything to anyone, you must have a minimum of two things: knowledge of your product and a passable knowledge of the client's operations. Let's assume you know the microcomputer's potential. If you don't have a fairly good grasp of office and business applications, read business and application articles in past issues of *80 Micro*. It isn't necessary you completely understand the applications—just what is possible.

The second factor, knowledge of school office operations, may be a bit more difficult to acquire. Here, again, you don't need to know the details, just have a feeling for the types of tasks and their magnitudes. If you have been teaching more than a year or two, you probably have a good start on this.

At times everyone feels inundated with clerical work. We are in a data-using, record-keeping business. Even your principal suffers from the paperwork syndrome, an affliction affecting all educators more severely with each passing year. It will not lessen or remain constant; the paper monster can only continue to grow as local, state and federal demands increase.

If you accept the premise that a computer-using principal will be more receptive about CAI, the paper monster is your ace in the hole. Attack your principal where he is most vulnerable—show how a microcomputer can reduce paperwork in his office and, at the same time, provide more usable information.

Table 1 will assist you in planning your attack. A broad spectrum of administrative tasks can be accomplished more efficiently and effectively using a computer. This is *not* an exhaustive list; it is just a topical outline. You will have to supply the details.

## Potential Applications

Non-users are notoriously unable to see the potential applications of a computer (every good salesman knows this). Your principal will not understand, at first, that the list of students and their homeroom assignments can be typed into the computer *once* and used in a dozen different ways in other programs.

Begin by giving the principal a break-

### Financial

- Accounts Receivable
- Accounts Payable
- Payroll
- Student Activity Accounts
- Budgeting

### Pupil Accounting

- Daily, Monthly, Yearly Attendance Records and Reports
- Daily Absentee List
- Student Directories
- Report Cards
- Grade Distribution Studies
- Student Records

### Word Processing

- General Correspondence
- Personalized Form Letters
- Reports
- Curriculum Guides
- Newsletters, Bulletins
- Handbooks, Manuals

### Personnel Accounting

- Records, Reports
- Directory

### Miscellaneous

- Inventories (textbooks, supplies, equipment)
- Mailing Lists, Labels
- Activity Calendar
- Room Utilization
- Energy Utilization

Table 1.  
Selected Administrative Applications

down on one application (for example, pupil accounting; specifically, attendance). Absentees may be entered daily or weekly. Based on a file of all students in the school, the computer can produce the information listed in Table 2. Point out that these items are often needed but are not always available because they take too much personnel time to prepare.

Ask your principal how often he receives a detailed grade distribution study and report. How many times does his

secretary type the same letter over and over with different student/parent names? How many hours does he and his bookkeeper spend on the calculator working on the annual budget? How many days are spent reconciling bank balances and the myriad student activity accounts?

It is important to stress not only the savings in time and effort but all the additional information at his fingertips with just the touch of a couple of keys.

When the conversation strays to other

areas (as it surely will), here are a couple of additional lists to help you formulate responses. Table 3 lists some specialized school departments for which a computer can do clerical work. The uses shown are but the tip of a very large iceberg.

Table 4 provides a list of some of the clerical applications for the classroom, included primarily to be sure you have not overlooked any major areas of use. (I am reminded of the teacher who asked a new colleague what he would do all day if he did not have the students copying notes from the chalkboard. The quiet answer was, "I'll do what I'm paid to do—teach.")

Let's consider the strategy more carefully. First: Don't hit the principal with all this at one time. Go easy, not because he deserves great sympathy, but because he won't be able to *absorb* all the information in one serving. Your objective is to sell, not to overwhelm.

The second point to consider is to avoid creating unreasonable expectations. Tell him repeatedly that the changeover must be orderly and slow if it is to be successful.

Third: Don't let him assume that one computer can do all the things you have been telling him about.

My final piece of advice is to get some assistance. Find a knowledgeable colleague or two to reinforce your efforts. Suggest a visit to a school where a computer does a lot of the office work and provide literature of a general nature. As an example of the latter, you may be able to get a copy of the book mentioned above. In the meantime—good luck! ■

Daily absentee list  
Daily list of students with cumulative absences greater than xx days  
Daily list of students with consecutive absences greater than yy days  
Letters to parents of either/both groups of students identified above  
Monthly (or other) teachers' "registers" (or whatever the local official record may be called)  
Monthly principal's attendance report  
Annual principal's attendance report  
As needed:  
Updated class roles  
List of students withdrawn to date  
List of students enrolled since fall

Note That None of the Above Require Manual Computations

Table 2. Some Possible Outputs From Daily Entry of Student Absences

## Cafeteria

Time Keeping  
Bookkeeping  
Payroll  
Inventory  
Reports  
Personnel Records

## Library

Accession Records  
Shelf List  
Card Catalog  
Inventory  
Utilization Records  
Reports  
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## Guidance

College Selection Assistance (admission requirements and programs available)  
Class Standing  
Student Records  
Transcripts  
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Student Schedules  
Correspondence and Reports

## Student Publications

Newspaper  
Magazine  
Yearbook

## Athletics

Inventories  
Schedules  
Individual and Team Statistics  
Analysis of Scouting Reports

Table 3. Quasi-Administrative Applications

## Test Making

Test Item Bank  
Test Printing from Selected Items

## Evaluating/Reporting

Test Score Analysis  
Competency Analysis  
Grade Averaging  
Grade Distributions  
Parent Reports—Progress  
—Deficiencies  
Grade Summaries at any Time  
Grade Book

## Word Processing

Study Materials  
Course Outlines  
Reports

## Miscellaneous

Monitor Student Progress  
Test Individual Students  
Pupil Accounting (if not incorporated at the school level)

Table 4. Selected Teacher Clerical Applications



# Copernica Mathematica

by Bruce Douglass

*"If you know how something is changing, can you determine what it is doing right now?"*

In February we discussed the basics of differential calculus. We introduced the ideas of a limit (an infinitesimally small increment ( $dx$ )) and the derivative of a function.

Now let's consider the integral—it is just the opposite of a derivative. That is, if you find the integral of  $g(x)dx$ , you are finding the function  $f(x)$  such that its derivative is  $g(x)$ , or  $f'(x)$  equals  $g(x)$ . That is why the integral is sometimes called the antiderivative.

Usually, the integral is introduced either as an antiderivative or as a means of finding the area under a function. It may not be obvious that these are really the same thing. Let's explore the integral as a means of finding the area under a curve.

## One Approach

Let  $f(x)$  be the curve shown in Fig. 1;  $f(x)$  is a function of  $x$ . The curve is a plot of  $f(x)$  versus  $x$ . It shows the values of the function  $f(x)$  with its corresponding  $x$  values.

Now  $dx$  is a very, very small change in  $x$ ; we can let  $df$  be the correspondingly small change in  $f(x)$ . The derivative of the function with respect to  $x$  is  $df/dx$  or  $f'(x)$ , which we'll call  $g(x)$  for now. The product  $f'(x)dx$  corresponds to the area shown in Fig. 2 (with  $dx$  and  $g$  blown up in size). In Fig. 2, we have  $g(x)$  versus  $x$ , rather than  $f(x)$  versus  $x$ . What is the geometric interpretation of  $g(x)dx$ ? Remember, the area of a rectangle is equal to the product of the length of two adjacent sides. For the rather narrow rectangle shown in Fig. 2,  $g(x)$  is the height and  $dx$  is the width. So their product is that rectangle.

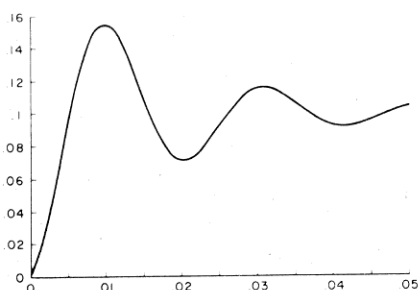


Figure 1

If we divide all the area under the  $g(x)$  curve into such small rectangles and add them up, we have the area under that curve. Notice that since we actually showed a relatively big  $dx$ , we only have an approximation of that area. As the value of  $dx$  gets smaller and smaller (which gives more and more rectangles to add), we approach the true area under the curve. This is shown in Fig. 3. When we get to the smallest value  $dx$  could be and still be greater than zero (here  $dx$  is said to be "infinitesimally small"), then adding up all these rectangles (there is now an infinite number of them, each with a very small area), we get the exact area under the curve.

That is what an integral is. The symbol  $\int$  is actually an elongated  $S$ , indicating a sum. The integral of  $g(x)dx$  is the area under the curve. Note that we did this between two limits; that is, we performed this summation starting at  $x$  equals  $a$  and ending at  $x$  equals  $b$ . This is a definite integral, because we assigned definite limits to it (shown by putting a  $a$  at the low end and  $b$  at the high end of the integral sign:  $\int_a^b$ ).

Now, let's show the equivalence of the two definitions of the integral given at first. We defined  $g(x)$  to equal  $f'(x)$ . Since  $f'(x)$  equals  $df(x)/dx$ , the product we integrated,  $g(x)dx$ , equals  $df(x)$ . If we add these from  $x$  equals  $a$  to  $x$  equals  $b$ , we get the infinite sum:

$$\begin{aligned} & (f(a+z) - f(a)) + (f(a+2z) - f(a+z)) \\ & (f(a+3z) - f(a+2z)) + \dots + \\ & (f(b-z) - f(b-2z)) + \\ & (f(b) - f(b-z)) \end{aligned}$$

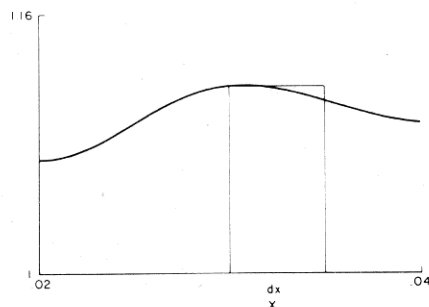


Figure 2

Two things should be understood here. Since  $df(x)$  is a small increment of  $f(x)$ , it is the difference of  $f(x+z)$  minus  $f(x)$ , where  $z$  is a very small increment equal to  $dx$ . The sum of all of these increments equals the integral of  $g(x)dx$ . Note that all the terms cancel out, except the two endpoints which only appear once. Thus, the integral of  $f'(x)dx$  from  $a$  to  $b$  equals  $f(b)$  minus  $f(a)$ . This is so important in calculus that it is called the *Fundamental Theorem of Calculus*. It appears in mathematical notation below:

$$\int_a^b f'(x)dx = f(b) - f(a)$$

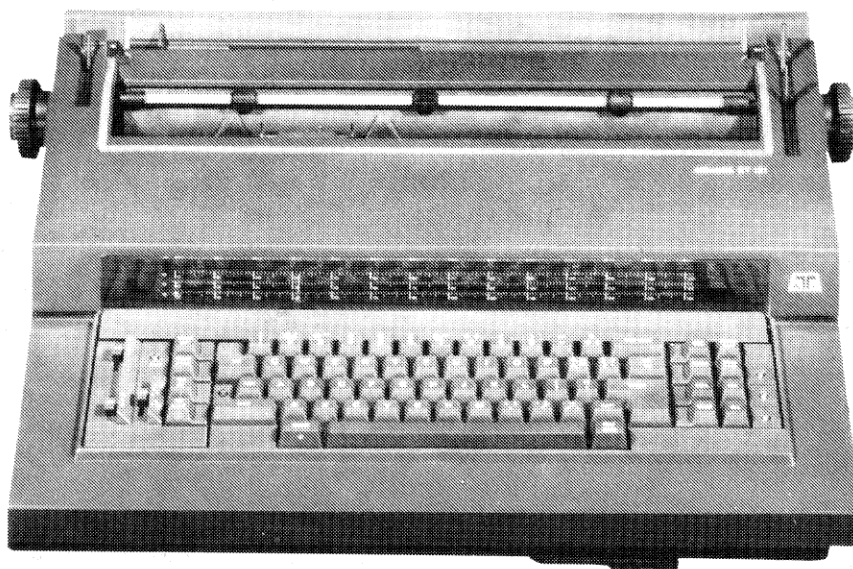
To reiterate, we have just shown that the area under the curve  $g(x)$  between the limits of  $a$  and  $b$  equals the difference in the value of  $f(b)$  minus  $f(a)$ , provided that  $g(x)$  equals  $f'(x)$ .

## Another Approach

Now, let's approach integration from the other view. If you know how something is changing, can you determine what it is doing right now? For example, if you drop a ball (we won't deal with air resistance here), you know it actually accelerates towards the ground. Not only does it fall, but it falls faster and faster as time goes on. The rate of change of the speed (also known as acceleration), is a constant with the respect to the length of time it has been falling. This is the "g" constant you may remember from high school physics. That is,  $A(t)$  equals minus  $g$  (the minus sign shows that it is falling). Since acceleration is the change in speed with time, the speed must be a function of time. (How fast the object is moving is a function of how long it has been falling.) Further, its position in space relative to where it was dropped from is also a function of time. Can we determine how fast the object is falling and where it is knowing only its acceleration constant? You bet! For now, we'll do it symbolically. If you'll take my word for it, the derivative with respect to  $x$  of a constant times  $x$  to some power is given by the following relation:

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The derivative of a constant is zero (it doesn't change). Now, since the integral is an "antiderivative," the integral of  $a \cdot x^b$  must be

$$((a/(b+1)) \cdot x^{b+1}) + c$$

(Verify this by taking the derivative of the result.) Also, since acceleration is the rate of change of the speed, the integral of the acceleration must be equal to the speed (by the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus). Since we know experimentally that the acceleration of a falling body is a constant ( $g$ ), speed must be a linear function of the time spent falling. That is,  $S(t)$  equals  $g \cdot t + a$ , where  $a$  is the integration constant. We include it because we don't know if a constant was lost in the original differentiation (the derivative of a constant is zero). It may turn out to equal zero later. Now, we can use our rule again to integrate  $S(t)$  to get the position as a function of time,  $P(t)$ . See if you can do it yourself...

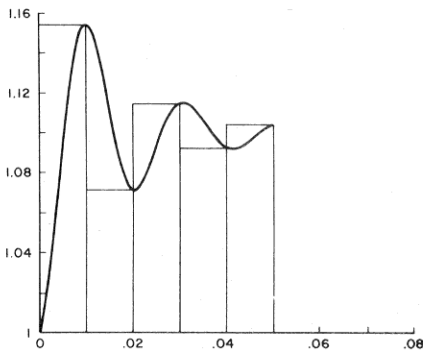


Figure 3

That's right, it is  $P(t)$  equals  $(g/2) \cdot t^2 + a \cdot t + b$ . Notice we had to add another integration constant,  $b$ . We get the values of the integration constants by knowing the value of the function at some points. We can do all this numerically as well. Not all functions can be so simply integrated; however, a wide range of functions can be integrated symbolically using these and many more symbolic integration rules.

Analytically, integration is generally much more difficult to perform than differentiation. Many functions do not have an integral that can be expressed in terms of elementary functions. For example, the integral of  $(1/x)$  produces the logarithm. Many other integrals, such as the integral of the Gaussian error function ( $\exp -x^2$ ) also may not be expressed as simple functions. If this is the case, the function is said to lack a closed-form solution. Integration of such functions requires numerical methods. This is particularly true in differential equations, a topic we will take up some other time.

For now, let's develop programs to find the integrals of some functions. An obvious approach would be to use the same algorithm I presented for the integral earlier: Take small increments in  $x$  across the interval, find the corresponding  $f(x)$  values, and add up the products. This is the simplest algorithm known and one of the least accurate. It is demonstrated in Fig. 3.

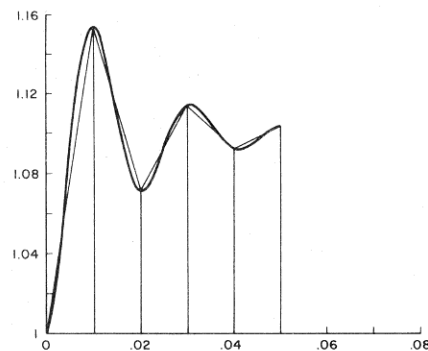


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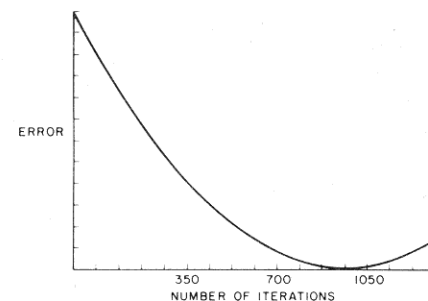


Figure 5

You can easily see the reason for the inaccuracy. We can add all those rectangles, but look at how far off we are using the rectangles as an approximation! We can use smaller increments and add up more rectangles to improve our accuracy—to a point. If we keep taking smaller increments and summing up the areas of more rectangles, we do decrease the error of our approximation. This is shown in Fig. 5. But notice that for single precision, the error bottoms out at about 1000 rectangles and then begins to climb again. Why?

Every time we represent a number, add, subtract, multiply or divide, some error is introduced. If we don't perform too many operations that add up (or propagate) error, we can usually get by. But if we find and add the areas of so many rectangles, eventually we no longer gain accuracy by finding smaller rectangles. Error increases beyond this point due to propagated round-off error. Double precision postpones this somewhat, but no matter what precision you use, eventually round-off error becomes a problem.

## What Are You Going To Do?

You could look for a better approximation. The next approximation is called the trapezoid rule shown in Fig. 4. Instead of the flat "head" that we found in the previous rectangular approximation method, we have sloped ones. These are called trapezoids. Notice that the approximation looks better (it looks more like the true area under the curve). The area of a trapezoid is the same as for a rectangle in the previous example, with a little triangle up above added. The area of each trapezoid would be (using  $i$  and  $j$  as the values of  $x$  on the sides of the trapezoid):

$$f(i) \cdot (j-i) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (j-i) \cdot (f(j)-f(i))$$

Since  $f(j)$  minus  $f(i)$  is the height of triangle and  $j$  minus  $i$  is the base, the area of a triangle equals  $\frac{1}{2}$  the base times the height. Note that we can collect terms to get:

$$(f(j) + f(i)) \cdot (j-i) / 2$$

We can now write a program to integrate some function  $f(x)$  between two limits  $a$  and  $b$ , using this trapezoid rule. (See Program Listing 1.)

There are even better methods than the trapezoid rule, such as Simpson's  $3/8$  rule. I will develop a more general method of numerical integration that is simple to implement, yet fairly accurate. In fact, the trapezoid rule, Simpson's rule, and other quadrature methods are merely special cases of this general procedure known as the Romberg Algorithm.

The trapezoid rule is sufficient for some purposes, but often it lacks the ac-

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curacy required. It does come close to the actual value for the area, but it does so linearly as you increase the number of subintervals. Therefore, it is called a linearly converging or linear method. Other algorithms, such as the Romberg Algorithm, converge much faster. Accuracy increases as the square of the number of subintervals; these are quadratically converging or quadrature methods. Almost two digits of accuracy are added with each iteration using these methods.

The Romberg algorithm produces a triangular array of numbers, each of which is an approximation to the definite integral being evaluated. We will call each element of this array  $R(i,j)$ . The triangular array produced is:

Romberg Coefficients

$R(1,1)$					
$R(2,1)$	$R(2,2)$				
$R(3,1)$	$R(3,2)$	$R(3,3)$			
.	.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.	.
$R(N,1)$	$R(N,2)$	$R(N,3)$	.	.	$R(N,N)$

The first column  $R(i,1)$  is actually the coefficients produced by the trapezoid rule.  $R(1,1)$  is obtained using only one trapezoid, producing the formula  $R(1,1) = \frac{1}{2}(b-a)(f(a) + f(b))$ .  $R(2,1)$  is obtained using two trapezoids, and so on. In general:

$$R(N,1) = R(N-1,1)/2 +$$

$$\frac{b-a}{2^N} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{2^{N-1}-1} f\left(a + \frac{2k-1}{2^N}(b-a)\right) \right]$$

This is actually the formula used to compute the trapezoid rule, although it may appear in a slightly different form. The

```
10 REM    INTEGRATION PROGRAM VIA TRAPEZOID RULE
20 REM    BY ** BRUCE POWEL DOUGLASS **
30 DEF FNY(X)=EXP(SIN(X)) 'FUNCTION TO BE INTEGRATED
40 CLS:PRINT TAB(16);"INTEGRATION BY TRAPEZOID RULE"
50 INPUT"ENTER THE LOWER AND UPPER INTEGRATION LIMITS";A,B
60 INPUT"ENTER THE NUMBER OF INTERVALS";N
70 H=(B-A)/(N-1):FOR I=1 TO N-2
80    SUM = SUM + FNY(A+H*I)
90 NEXT I
100 SUM = SUM * H + (FNY(A)+FNY(B)) * H / 2
110 PRINT"THE VALUES OF THE INTEGRAL IS";SUM
120 END
```

Program Listing 1. Trapezoid rule, Basic Version

```
10 REM    ** ROMBERG INTEGRATION PROGRAM **
20 REM    BY BRUCE POWEL DOUGLASS
30 DEF FNY(X)=EXP(-EXP(X)) 'FUNCTION TO BE INTEGRATED
40 DEFINT I-L,N,U
50 CLS:PRINT TAB(16);"ROMBERG INTEGRATION PROGRAM"
60 PRINT:PRINT"1. SINGLE OR 2. DOUBLE PRECISION"
70 AS=INKEY$:IF AS=""THEN 70 ELSE P=VAL(AS):IF P=2 THEN DEFDBL R,
S,H,A,B
90 PRINT:INPUT"ENTER ORDER OF ITERATION PROCEDURE";N
90 INPUT"ENTER LOWER AND UPPER LIMITS OF INTEGRATION";A,B
100 PRINT"1. DISPLAY INTERMEDIATE RESULTS 2. ONLY END RESULTS"
110 AS=INKEY$:IF AS=""THEN 110 ELSE U=VAL(AS):IF U<1 OR U>2 THEN
110
120 DIM R(N,N): H=B-A: R(1,1)=H*(FNY(B)+FNY(A))/2: L=1
130 FOR I=2 TO N: H=H/2
140    L=L+L
150    SUM=0
160    FOR K=1 TO L-1 STEP 2
170        SUM=SUM+FNY(A+H*K)
180    NEXT K
190    R(I,1)=R(I-1,1)/2 + H*SUM
200    IF U=1 THEN PRINT"R(";I;",";1;")=";R(I,1);
210    M=1
220    FOR J=2 TO I
230        M=M*4
240        R(I,J)=R(I,J-1)+(R(I,J-1)-R(I-1,J-1))/(M-1)
250        IF U=1 THEN PRINT"R(";I;",";J;")=";R(I,J);
260    NEXT J:PRINT
270 NEXT I
280 PRINT"FINAL ANSWER IS ";R(N,N)
290 PRINT"CONVERGENCE WAS ";ABS(R(N,N)-R(N,N-1))
300 END
```

Program Listing 2a. Romberg Algorithm, Disk Basic Version

```
10 REM    ** ROMBERG INTEGRATION PROGRAM **
20 REM    ** LEVEL II VERSION **
30 REM    BY BRUCE POWEL DOUGLASS
40 GOTO 70 'BYPASS SUBROUTINE
50 Y = SQR(1-X[2]) 'FUNCTION TO BE INTEGRATED
60 RETURN
70 DEFINT I-L,N,U
80 CLS:PRINT TAB(16);"ROMBERG INTEGRATION PROGRAM"
90 PRINT:PRINT"1. SINGLE OR 2. DOUBLE PRECISION"
100 AS=INKEY$:IF AS=""THEN 100 ELSE P=VAL(AS):IF P=2 THEN DEFDBL
R,S,H,A,B
110 PRINT:INPUT"ENTER ORDER OF ITERATION PROCEDURE";N
120 INPUT"ENTER LOWER AND UPPER LIMITS OF INTEGRATION";A,B
130 PRINT"1. DISPLAY INTERMEDIATE RESULTS 2. ONLY END RESULTS"
140 AS=INKEY$:IF AS=""THEN 140 ELSE U=VAL(AS):IF U<1 OR U>2 THEN
140
150 DIM R(N,N): H=B-A: X=B: GOSUB 50: Y1=Y: X=A: GOSUB 50:
R(1,1)=H*(Y1+Y)/2: L=1
160 FOR I=2 TO N: H=H/2
170    L=L+L
180    SUM=0
190    FOR K=1 TO L-1 STEP 2
200        X=A+H*K: GOSUB 50: SUM=SUM+Y
210    NEXT K
220    R(I,1)=R(I-1,1)/2 + H*SUM
230    IF U=1 THEN PRINT"R(";I;",";1;")=";R(I,1);
240    M=1
250    FOR J=2 TO I
260        M=M*4
270        R(I,J)=R(I,J-1)+(R(I,J-1)-R(I-1,J-1))/(M-1)
280        IF U=1 THEN PRINT"R(";I;",";J;")=";R(I,J);
290    NEXT J:PRINT
300 NEXT I
310 PRINT"FINAL ANSWER IS ";R(N,N)
320 PRINT"CONVERGENCE WAS ";ABS(R(N,N)-R(N,N-1))
330 END
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Program Listing 2b. Romberg Algorithm, Level II Basic Version

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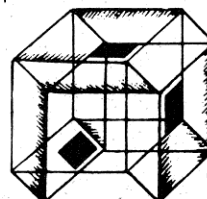
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$$R(i,j) = R(i,j-1) + \frac{1}{4^{j-1}-1} [R(i,j-1) - R(i-1,j-1)]$$

where  $h = \frac{2^{i-1}}{(b-a)}$   
error is a function of  $h^4$

Table 1. Computational formulas for the Romberg coefficients

Romberg algorithm is a much better algorithm. In general,  $R(N,N)$  requires much less computation than  $R(2^*N,1)$  and is more accurate. This is true because the error terms from two different approximations of the integral ( $R(N,k)$  and  $R(N+1,k)$ ) generate a better approximation to the integral ( $R(N+1,k+1)$ ).

The computational formulas for the Romberg algorithm may appear a bit formidable, but see how short a program can produce the Romberg triangular coefficients. The number of subintervals into which we divide the limits of integration is inversely related to the step size. It shouldn't take too long to convince yourself that the step size,  $h$ , equals  $(b-a)/2^n$ . This is the size of the delta  $x$  we are using. The formulas to calculate the new coefficient  $R(i,j)$  and  $R(i,1)$  appear in Table 1.

This translates into the short programs shown in Program Listings 2a (Disk Basic version), and 2b (Level II Basic version). As written, the programs generate and display all the Romberg coefficients. You may omit the display if you don't care to see them. It might be instructive to see how the numbers converge to the integral.

## Applications

There are many applications for numerical integration; I will present only a few here.

First, let's use the Romberg algorithm to estimate the value of  $\pi$  ( $\pi$ ). We know the area of a circle is  $\pi * r^2$ . If we choose a unit circle, its area should equal  $\pi$ . Let's look at only  $1/4$  of the circle, the area in the first quadrant. This is shown in Fig. 6. Note that for each point on the curve in this region, the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates are related by the expression  $y$  equals  $\text{SQR}(1 - x^2)$ ; or, since  $r$  equals 1,  $y$  equals  $\text{SQR}(1 - x^2)$ . You can derive this from the Pythagorean theorem relating the sides of a right triangle. If we let  $r$  be the hypotenuse (the long side), and  $x$  and  $y$  be the other sides, the Pythagorean theorem says  $1$  equals  $y^2$  plus  $x^2$ . Solving for  $y$  yields  $y$  equals  $\text{SQR}(1 - x^2)$ . Our job is to find the area under this curve from  $x$  equals 0 (the  $y$  axis) to  $x$  equals 1 (the maximum value for  $x$  on the circle). This will be  $1/4$  of the total area the circle contains. Multiplied by four, the total area equals the value of  $\pi$ .

The integral we need to evaluate is  $4 \int_0^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$ . If you have Disk Basic, use the DEF FN to define the function:

30 DEF FNF (X) = 4 \* SQR(1 - x^2)

If you use the Level II version, use:

30 F = 4 \* SQR(1 - x^2) : RETURN

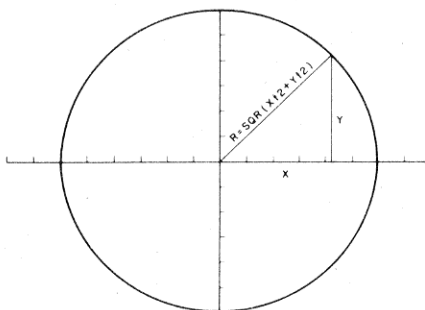


Figure 6

Compare the results obtained with the trapezoid and the Romberg algorithm. Remember that  $R(N,1)$  is the trapezoid rule with  $N$  subintervals. Run an order 15 approximation (that is, run to  $R(15,15)$ ) and compare  $R(7,7)$  with  $R(15,1)$ . You will find that  $R(7,7)$  is more accurate (the value of  $\pi$  is approximately 3.141592653589793).

Perhaps you would like to know the area between two curves. Figure 7 shows two such curves. What is the area between  $F(x)$  and  $G(x)$ ? The area under curve  $F(x)$  between  $a$  and  $b$  is  $\int_a^b F(x)dx$  and the area under the curve of  $G(x)$  between  $a$  and  $b$  is  $\int_a^b G(x)dx$ . The difference of these two areas must be the area between them. To find this area, we just integrate the difference  $F(x) - G(x)$  from  $a$  to  $b$ . For example, if we want to know the area between  $f(x) = x^3$  and  $g(x) = x^4$  where  $x$  varies from 0 to 1, we can use our integration program to generate this. Use the form 30 DEF FN (X) = x^3 - x^4 (version 1) or 30 F = x^3 - x^4: RETURN (version 2). The actual area is 0.05. How close did you get?

The idea of work done as an integral may be new to you, but it has been around in physics and chemistry for quite some time. Newton's classical physics states that force equals mass times acceleration, or  $F$  equals  $m * A$ . If we apply force for some period of time, we ought to do some work. If the force is constant, then the work done is the force times the displacement (from  $x$  equals  $a$  to  $x$  equals  $b$ ). This is precisely what we get when we integrate a constant from  $a$  to  $b$ . If the force is not constant (a more interesting and realistic situation), then the integration becomes more complex.

An example of constant force is gravitational attraction. How much work is done by gravity when you throw a five-pound object straight up 15 feet and gravity pulls it down to earth? Gravity does some work slowing down the object, and then it does some work bringing it back to earth. If you throw it from a height of six feet (since you are standing when you throw it), the work gravity does bringing the object to a halt at 15 feet is  $-5 * (15-6)$  equals  $-45$  ft-lbs.

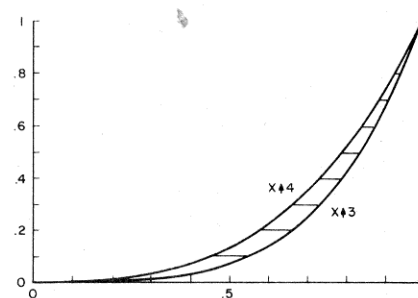


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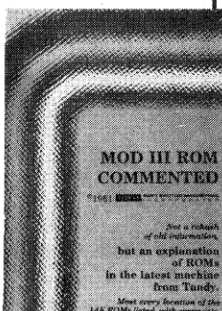
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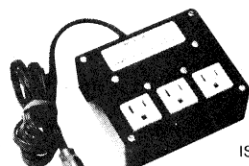
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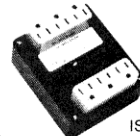
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10 REM ** ROMBERG INTEGRATION PROGRAM **
20 REM BY BRUCE POWEL DOUGLASS
30 DEF FNY(X)=EXP(-X[2]) 'FUNCTION TO BE INTEGRATED
40 DEFINT I=L,N,U
50 CLS:PRINT"EVALUATION OF THE INTEGRAL OF THE GAUSSIAN ERF FUNCTION";
  TAB(10);"BY THE ROMBERG INTEGRATION PROCEDURE"
60 PRINT
70 DEFDBL R,S,H,A,B
80 DIM R(10,10):N=10
90 FOR U = 1 TO 10: A=-U: B = U
100 H=B-A: R(1,1)=H*(FNY(B)+FNY(A))/2: L=1
110 FOR I=2 TO N: H=H/2
120 L=L+L
130 SUM=0
140 FOR K=1 TO L-1 STEP 2
150 SUM=SUM+FNY(A+H*K)
160 NEXT K
170 R(I,1)=R(I-1,1)/2 + H*SUM
180 M=1
190 FOR J=2 TO I
200 M=M*4
210 R(I,J)=R(I,J-1)+(R(I,J-1)-R(I-1,J-1))/(M-1)
220 NEXT J
230 NEXT I
240 PRINT"FOR ";A;" TO ";B;" THE ANSWER IS ";R(N,N)
250 NEXT U
260 END

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Program Listing 3a. Tenth-order Romberg approximation, Disk Basic Version.

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10 REM ** ROMBERG INTEGRATION PROGRAM **
20 REM BY BRUCE POWEL DOUGLASS
30 GOTO 60 'BYPASS FUNCTION SUBROUTINE
40 Y=EXP(-X[2]) 'GAUSSIAN ERF(X) FUNCTION
50 RETURN
60 DEFINT I=L,N,U
70 CLS:PRINT"EVALUATION OF THE INTEGRAL OF THE GAUSSIAN ERF FUNCTION";
  TAB(10);"BY THE ROMBERG INTEGRATION PROCEDURE"
80 PRINT
90 DEFDBL R,S,H,A,B
100 DIM R(10,10):N=10
110 FOR U = 1 TO 10: A=-U: B = U
120 H=B-A: X=B: GOSUB40: Y1=Y: X=A: GOSUB40: R(1,1)=H*(Y1+
  Y)/2: L=1
130 FOR I=2 TO N: H=H/2
140 L=L+L
150 SUM=0
160 FOR K=1 TO L-1 STEP 2: X=A+H*K: GOSUB40
170 SUM=SUM+Y
180 NEXT K
190 R(I,1)=R(I-1,1)/2 + H*SUM
200 M=1
210 FOR J=2 TO I
220 M=M*4
230 R(I,J)=R(I,J-1)+(R(I,J-1)-R(I-1,J-1))/(M-1)
240 NEXT J
250 NEXT I
260 PRINT"FOR ";A;" TO ";B;" THE ANSWER IS ";R(N,N)
270 NEXT U
280 END

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Program Listing 3b. Tenth-order Romberg approximation, Level II Basic Version.

(Remember that weight is a mass times  $g$ , the gravitational constant, and since it points down, you attach a minus sign.) The work done for the falling phase is  $-5 \cdot (0-15)$  equals 75 ft-lbs. So overall, gravity did 30 ft-lbs of work.

Suppose the force exerted is proportional to the distance, as it is with a spring (Hooke's law). Then  $f(x)$  equals  $a \cdot x$ , where  $x$  is the distance. Let's use our Romberg algorithm to determine the work done in stretching an elastic spring six inches (use  $\frac{1}{2}$  foot, so our answer will come out in foot-lbs), if an  $8\frac{1}{2}$  lb weight will stretch the spring one inch ( $\frac{1}{12}$  feet).

To solve this, we must first determine the proportionality constant in the equation  $f(x)$  equals  $a \cdot x$ . Since 8.5 equals  $a \cdot (1/12)$ , then  $a$  equals 102. Our equation now becomes finding the integral of  $102 \cdot x$  from  $x$  equals 0 to  $x$  equals  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Use the Romberg program to check your answer—it should be 12.75 ft-lbs.

The last example is to find the area under the curve of the Gaussian error

function ( $\text{erf}(x)$ ) from  $x$  equals minus infinity to  $x$  equals infinity. This function does not have a closed form, as previously stated. The function is defined by  $\text{erf}(x)$

equals  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$ . It is often nor-

malized by multiplying it by the constant  $1/\text{SQR}(\text{PI})$ . This makes its area equal to one. We will integrate the unnormalized version given above, and it should equal  $\text{SQR}(\text{PI})$ . Now, how do you integrate numerically from minus infinity to infinity?

The distribution of this function appears in Fig. 8. Notice how small it gets, the further you are away from  $x$  equals 0. If you choose  $a$  and  $b$  far enough away from zero, the area eliminated should not be significant. Since this is a symmetrical function, we will set  $a$  equals minus  $b$ . We can use our previous Romberg program to write a program that will integrate this function from  $-a$  to  $a$ , using a given order, say 10. This will take a while to run.

This program will perform a 10th order Romberg approximation of the integral and display it. It will then add one to  $a$  and repeat the procedure until you get  $a$  equals 10 (starting at  $a$  equals one). It will only print  $R(10,10)$ , rather than all coefficients. Run it. As we get farther away from zero, the relative size of the contribution of the additional area included by expanding  $a$  becomes less (we approach the true value for the integral). Now, compare the value of the integral with the true value for  $\text{SQR}(\text{PI})$ , 1.77245385090552.

Notice that we do not actually approach the value of the integral as we increase the limits to large values. Why? This is because the number of intervals

stays the same, even though the limits get farther apart. Since the function values get smaller and smaller the further you get from zero, the less these areas add to the area under the curve. But since we have taken more total area, and the number of intervals is the same, these areas further out are included in computation of the integral, and the large area around  $x$  equals zero is computed less accurately. So, in this case, with a fixed number of intervals, it is not better to take more area under the curve to compute the integral. If we take too small an area, we will be leaving out significant portions of the area under the curve, but if the limits are too far apart, then we lose accuracy where it is needed. In there somewhere are the optimum values for the limits that will yield the most accurate value for the integration. Program Listings 3a and 3b print the 10th order Romberg approximation for the limits of minus one to one up to minus 10 to 10. Compare these with the actual value for  $\text{SQR}(\text{PI})$  to determine this optimum.

That about wraps up this introduction. You now understand the basics of differential and integral calculus, although I left out most of what goes into a first-year calculus course. If you are interested in pursuing this, there are many calculus books available you can use to learn more.

If you have any requests for topics you would like covered in this column, drop me a line at my office address:

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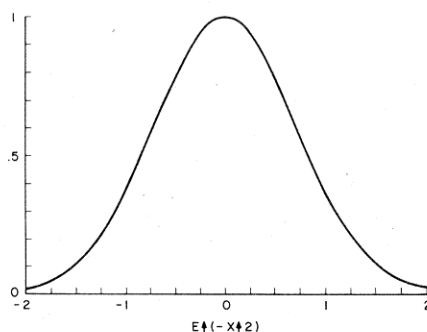


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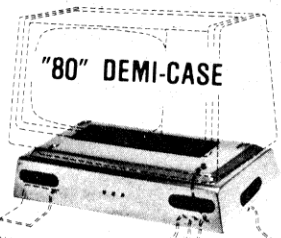
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## TM TRS80 color

From the January 1981 issue of the CSRA Computer Club newsletter.

There was some amusement at the November meeting when the Radio Shack representatives stated that the software in the ROM cartridges could not be copied. This month's 68 Micro Journal reported they had disassembled the programs on ROM by covering some of the connector pins with tape. They promise details next month. Never tell a hobbyist something can't be done! This magazine seems to be the only source so far of technical information on the TRS-80 color computer\*. Devoted to SS-50 6800 and 6809 machines up to now, 68 Micro Journal plans to include the TRS-80 6809 unit in future issues.

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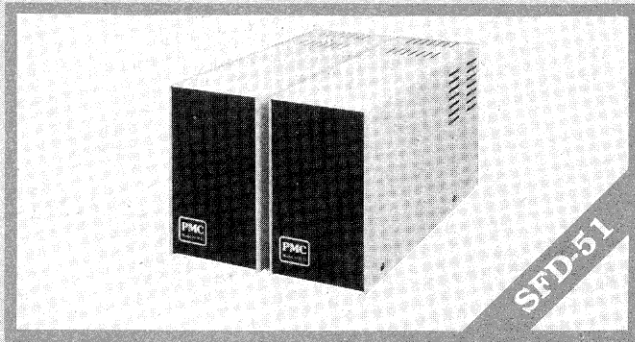
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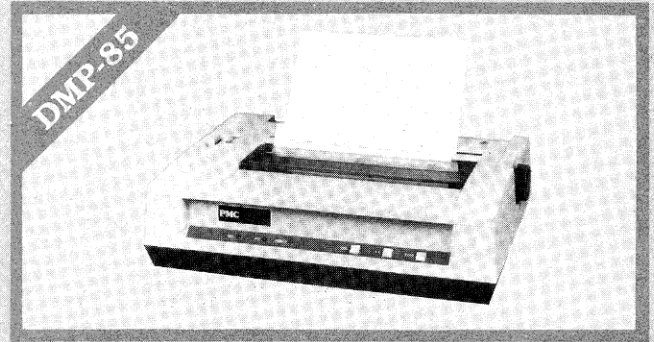
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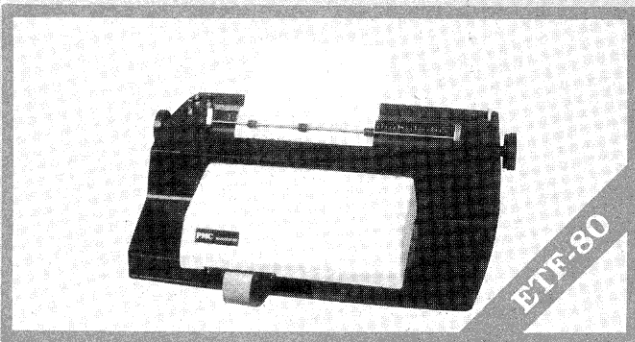
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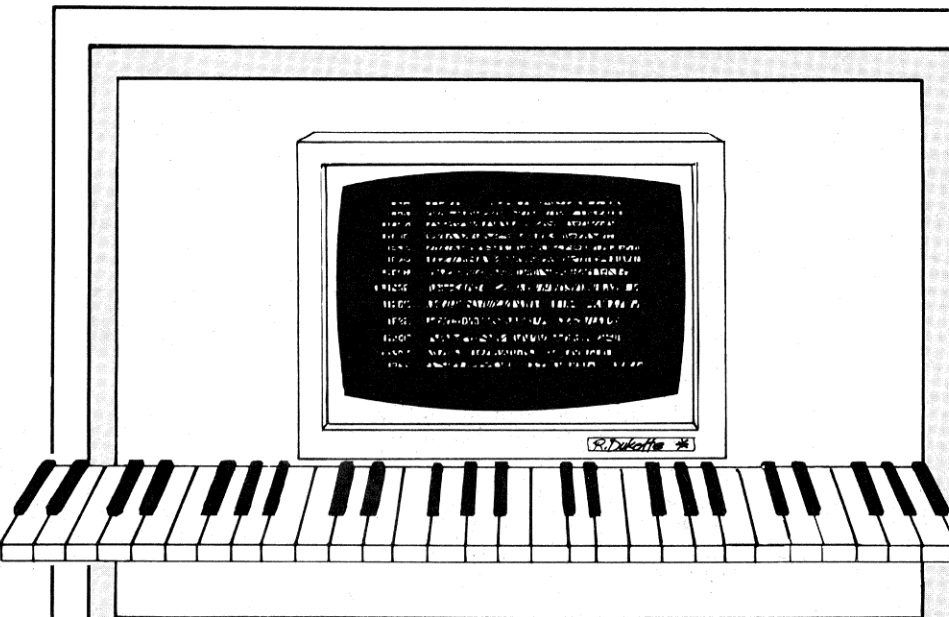
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# NEW PRODUCTS

Edited by Janet Fiderio

*Featuring—The K&K Synthesizer  
A totally software implemented synthesizer system.*



## Software Synthesizer

A synthesizer system totally implemented in software is being marketed for the Model I.

The program simulates many features found on hardware synthesizers including white noise, variable frequency cutoff pink noise, frequency and pulse with modulation, variable duty cycle, white noise superimposed on square wave, and full variable glissando. The program also

has limited ability to produce two tones at once.

The operating system has a 300-note buffer with full edit capabilities (copy, insert, delete, change, examine, and makes a progression of notes). It also features full error trapping and many prompts for ease of use.

The synthesizer package is available for \$24.95 from K & K Computer Peripherals, Box 88203, Kentwood, MI 49508-9203.

Reader Service ✓ 562

tional features of this product contact Realty Software Co., 1116 'F' 8th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266, (213) 372-9419. The system is priced at \$375.

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## New Graphics Editor

Crayon is a 10K, machine-language graphics/text editor for the Models I and III. This screen-oriented editor allows you to typeset your own logos, business cards, letterheads and other business needs. You can also create real-time machine-language cartoons and access them from simple Basic programs.

Crayon capabilities include directories, keeping appointment schedules, writing letters, and helping write Basic program graphics. Over 90 commands allow free movement and manipulation of picture segments on the screen.

Full cassette or disk I/O and manual are provided. Crayon supports MX-80 and other parallel printers. The cassette version costs \$35, the disk version, \$45. Contact Pioneer Software, 1746 NW. 55th Ave. #204, Lauderhill, FL 33313, (305) 739-2071, for information.

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## Compuvoice and Sound-Source

The Compuvoice Synthesizer (\$44.95) is a completely software-based speech synthesis program allowing you to form words, phrases, and sentences with simple string commands. Compuvoice may be placed into your own Basic programs enhancing their quality with speech synthesis.

Sound-Source (\$24.95) enables you to load any recordable sound into the Color Computer's memory or enter it with a joystick. Once loaded, the data can be played back at a faster or slower rate through the tv sound system. Joysticks enable you to modify or create new data in memory.

## Property Management

An enhanced version of the disk-based Property Management System for tracking income and expenses on rental property, is now available for the Model I and III, 48K disk system.

The system handles a mixture of property rentals including single-family and multi-family homes, and condominiums. Features of the system include late rental displays, year-to-date, monthly (of all rentals), and total building income can be dis-

played or printed; easy expense entering; operating statements for each building may be printed separately or combined to form a consolidated operating statement for all properties owned.

Check and receipt writing is featured plus complete information on each rental including up to three renter names (or name and address), four phone numbers, date rented, rent amount, deposits, number of returned checks, plus two memo items.

For more detailed information on addi-



Sample sounds for use in games or teaching aids may be easily constructed and tested.

For information contact Spectral Associates, 141 Harvard Ave., Tacoma, WA 98466, (206) 565-8483.

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## NANSII

NANSII is an information management system compatible with any microcomputer using the CP/M operating system.

NANSII uses English language commands. Some of its unique features include: a learn mode which remembers command streams eliminating repetitive typing; inplace sort capability requiring no additional disk storage; a single disk drive requirement; and an extensive error-detection function which traps 150 types of errors.

A demo package is available for a trial period for a nominal fee. The system retails for \$249.95 and is marketed by XPS Inc., 323 York Rd., Carlisle, PA 17013, (800) 233-7512.

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## Pretty Print

Pretty Print provides expanded character enhancements for Epson, Okidata and MPI dot-matrix printers.

This software customization program allows using the sophisticated character enhancements of WordStar (formerly only accomplished by using higher cost daisy-wheel printers.)

Available in standard eight-inch CP/M format and on disk for the Model III from Hurricane Laboratories Inc., Box 631, Cupertino, CA 95015, (408) 446-0777.

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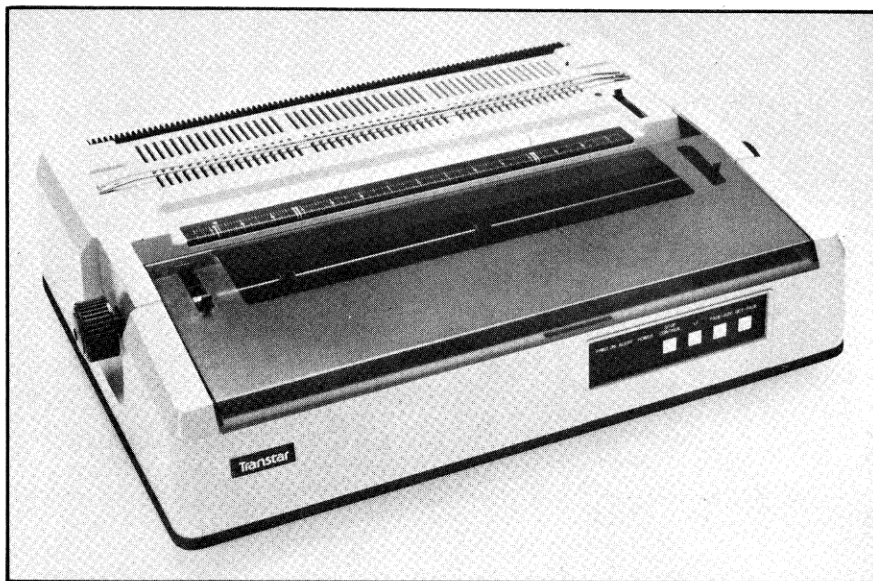
## The Zapplicator

The Zapplicator contains all current zaps to the NEWDOS80 versions 1.0 or 2.0.

Designed to save time and trouble (and mailing your original disk back to Apparat). The Zapplicator is available for \$13.95 for the Model I and III. All current zaps and a maintenance program to let you add future zaps is available for \$17.95.

For more information contact Micro Pro Systems, Route 2 Box 533, Cumming, GA 30130, (404) 887-6814.

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*The Transtar 140 daisy-wheel printer*

## Daisy Wheel Printer

The Transtar 140 daisy-wheel printer combines 40 cps (38 Shannon) letter-quality performance and high reliability.

The serial printer is Diablo (tm) code compatible for plug-and-go use with Magic Wand and Wordstar. Ribbons and print-wheels are also industry standard.

Transtar's low-profile package is only six inches high, and shipping weight is under 50 pounds for UPS delivery.

The printer is available for \$1,695. from Micro Distributors, 11794 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20852, (800) 638-6621 and Sigma Distributing, 2110-116th Avenue N.E., Bellevue, WA (800) 426-1412.

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## Coordinated Accounting System

The Coordinated Accounting System includes separate modules for General Ledger (GL), Accounts Payable (AP) and Accounts Receivable (AR). The AR and AP modules print statements and checks on a variety of New England Business Service forms. The system is completely interactive with automatic postings to the General Ledger system.

The minimum system is designed to operate on a three-disk Model I, a two-disk Model III, or a single-disk Model II. The systems can be expanded to use increased disk space. The price (\$200) includes over 200 pages of documentation

and four disks (on the Model I & III) or a single eight-inch disk.

A variety of modules coordinated with the basic system, i.e., Inventory (\$129.95), Job Costing (\$250), Payroll (\$59.95), Order Entry-Invoicing (\$129.95) and Purchase Order Entry (\$129.95) are also available.

Contact D.B. Software Co., 11840 NE Brazee, Portland, OR 97220, (503) 255-7735, for additional information.

Reader Service ✓ 563

## Maxprint

Maxprint is a printer-driver utility program developed to allow the Model I or III to use all the features of the standard MX-80 printer. Functions such as underlining, superscripts, subscripts, title centering, proportional justification of the right margin, and dynamic control of line spacing and margins are available.

The program features two main operating modes. A text mode allows the user to select functions on a character by character basis in the body of the text. A menu mode enables the user to achieve printer control in general purpose applications.

Maxprint is composed entirely of Z80 machine language and works with most programs including Scripsit. Source-code listings of all I/O modules are provided for those who wish to modify the program for unique applications.

Maxprint is available for \$27.95 from Peggytronics, 381 First Street, Suite 5147, Los Altos, CA 94022, (408) 737-2253.

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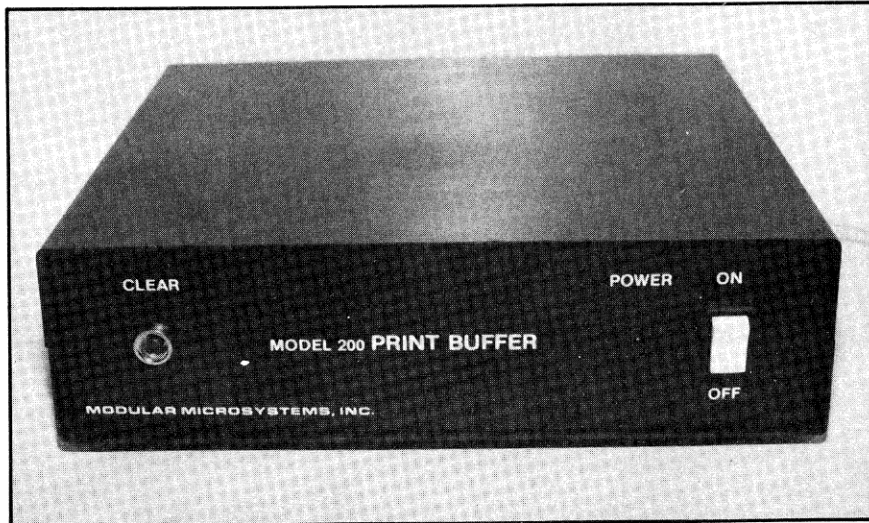
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### Model 200 Print Buffer

The Model 200 Print Buffer allows making simultaneous use of your printer and computer. Once the Print Buffer is connected, information to be printed is transferred at high speed from the computer to the Model 200, which then transfers the data at a much slower rate to the printer. The Print Buffer maintains complete control of the printer, thereby freeing the computer to perform other, more intelligent tasks.

This product has a storage capacity of up to 80,000 print characters. To provide additional storage capacity, two or more buffers may be connected together. The Model 200 connects to your computer system using the supplied cable set. Either a parallel or a serial (RS-232C) interface may be used.

Priced at \$545, the unit is available from Modular Microsystems Inc., 28-17 201 Street, Bayside, NY 11360, (212) 352-1715. Reader Service ✓ 566



*The Model 200 Print Buffer*

### C.C. Writer for Disk

C.C. Writer, a word processing program, is now available for the Color Computer and Radio Shack or Exatron disk systems.

Disk C.C. Writer retains all of the features of the cassette C.C. Writer and in addition allows full control of the margins, page length, line spacing, centering, justification, and most features of smart printers. Editing features allow changes,

insertions, deletions, and moves anywhere in the text. Files may be chained together for extended printing.

This version requires 32K, Extended Basic, and one Radio Shack or Exatron disk drive. Disk C.C. Writer is \$40 from TransTek, 194 Lockwood, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

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### Master Reversi

Master Reversi teaches and plays the popular board game and features a tournament mode and built-in help functions.

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ers in the country, this program is designed to simplify the process of learning Reversi for beginners and sharpen the wits of experts. Master Reversi allows you to play against the computer or another opponent.

This product is available for the Model I with 32K and one disk drive from Instant Software Inc., Peterborough, NH 03458, (603) 924-9471 for \$29.95

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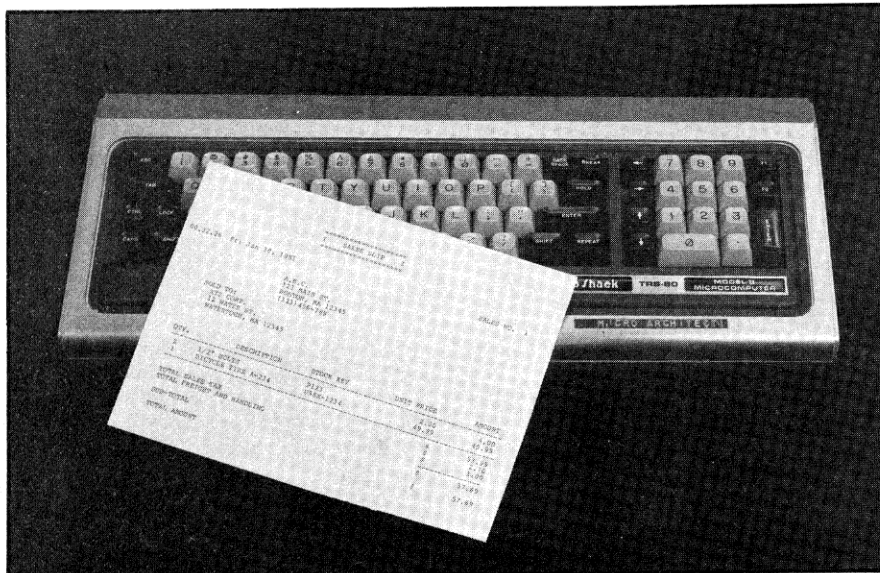
### For Inventory Control

INV-X is an inventory control system for the Model II.

Its features include: a built-in sort/merge package; the fastest key access method (a new hashing algorithm); a report writer; a large storage capacity, 6,600 records on the Model II and 28,000 for unlimited disk storage.

INV-X requires a dual-disk system with 64K and TRSDOS. It is priced at \$299. For more detailed information contact The Micro Architect Inc., 96 Dothan St., Arlington, MA 02174, (714) 643-4713.

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*Sample from the INV-X System*

### CP/M for the Model I

The Mapper/64 converts the Model I into a 64K CP/M machine

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Interfaces to your own basic programs...sort with the speed of machine code but with the convenience of basic. Use your disk to merge our short basic programs

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## NEW PRODUCTS

This product enables your Model I to run most of the CP/M software on the market and languages including Pascal, Fortran and Cobol.

Complete with documentation and CP/M 2.2, the Mapper costs \$439 and is available from Omikron, 1127 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, CA 94702, (415) 845-8013.

Reader Service ✓ 583

### Problem Solving On the TRS-80 Pocket Computer

*Problem Solving on the TRS-80 Pocket Computer* by Don Inman and Jim Conlan, begins with a nuts and bolts approach to the machine's own form of Basic, its keyboard and special features.

Further instruction describes a range of practical and educational applications and exposes the multiple problem-solving capabilities of the Pocket Computer. Ready-to-run programs are included for common data processing functions.

The book, priced at \$8.95, is available from John Wiley and Sons, 605 3rd Ave., New York, NY 10158, (212) 850-6497.

Reader Service ✓ 581

### For Personal Finances

Perfin is a customized program enabling you to make periodic audits of your personal finance status.

It allows foolproof and bombproof entries of your bank accounts, real estate holdings, stock and bond investments and more. Each category is automatically totalled and compared with previous audits to show your current financial status. Your entries are recorded on disk and listed on screen with optional printout.

Perfin is supplied on cassette for transfer to your disk for the Models I and III. It is priced at \$11.95 and is available from Shirley Software, Box 417, Old Greenwich, CT 06870.

Reader Service ✓ 569

### One Key Loading

ONEKEYII loads any of the 96 possible runnable programs listed in a TRSDOS directory with a single keystroke. Arrows are used to roll files up or down as if they were on a continuous loop. Hitting Enter selects the program and one key can be

used to load, run, kill or return to System.

The screen format is exactly like the TRSDOS directory. The top lines of column headings and bottom line of granule and extent information remains stationary while files scroll up or down in between. ONEKEYII updates itself automatically, no filespec typing is required, and it operates in machine language.

Available for the Model II on disk for \$40 from Hugh Roberts, Box 158, Linn Grove, IA, 51033.

Reader Service ✓ 560

### Drive Control Unit

Optronics Technology has introduced a product for eight-inch floppy-disk users which provides automatic on/off control for the drive motor. This eliminates noise from the drive unit as well as significantly reducing media wear.

The Drive Control Unit (D.C.U.) is designed for easy installation and has connectors which allow it to fit within the drive assembly in series with the drive motor. During drive access, the motor is energized at zero-crossing for low noise and turns itself off after eight seconds (adjustable) of idle time.

The unit is available in kit form for \$18.95 or assembled for \$29.95 from Optronics Technology, Box 81, Pittsford, NY 14534.

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### The Simple Switch

The Disk-Tape Exchanger utility package allows transferring machine-language programs from disk to tape or from tape to disk.

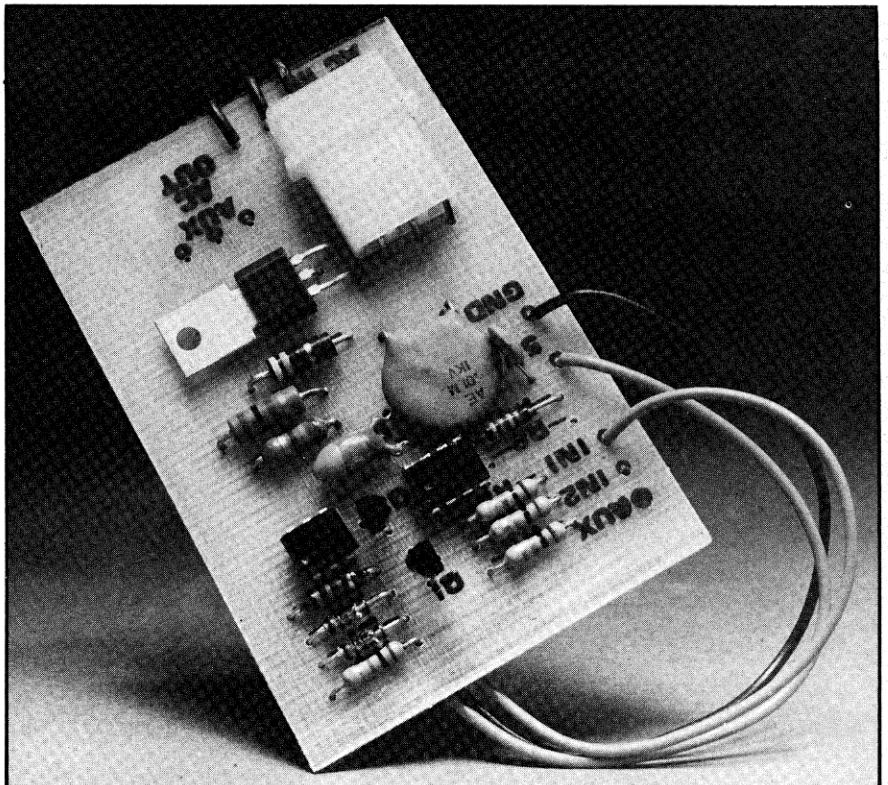
Two programs are included in the package. TMDisk allows placing machine-language tapes on disk without conflicting with DOS or Disk Basic. SYSDump allows placing "/CMD" disk files on tape.

The Disk-Tape Exchanger is available from Instant Software Inc., Peterborough, NH 03458, (603) 924-9471. It retails for \$24.95.

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### Computer Software

*The Giant Book of Computer Software* begins with the fundamentals of computer languages assuming the reader has no



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MODEL I ..... \$24.95

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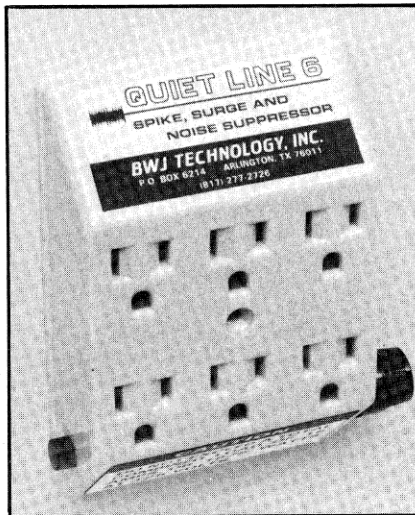
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Data Ace runs on Models I and III with 48K. This version costs \$375. It also runs

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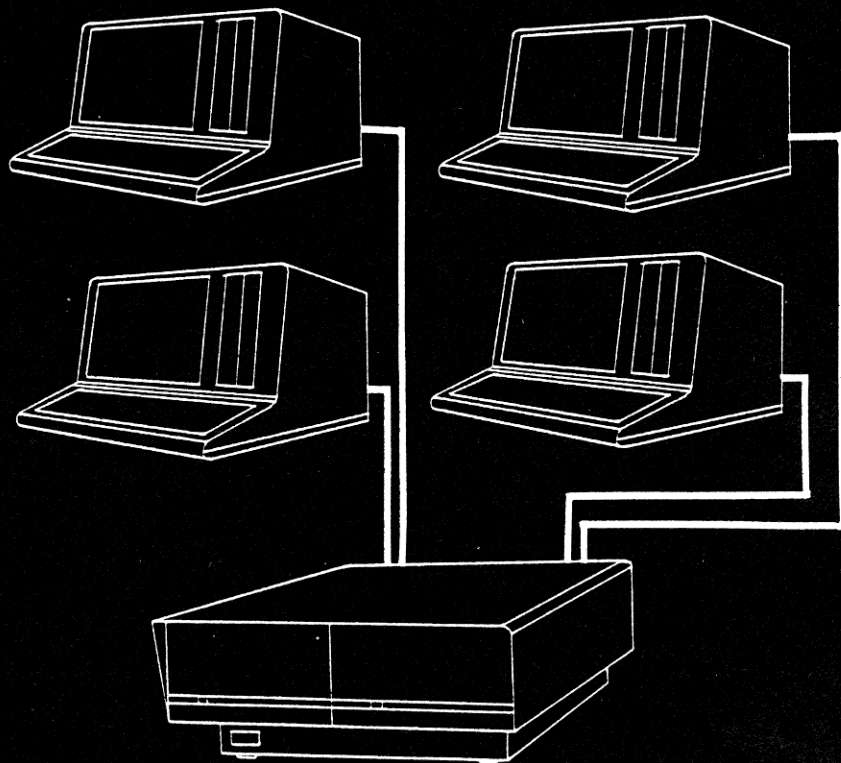
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Sample GEAP Inkslinger lettersets

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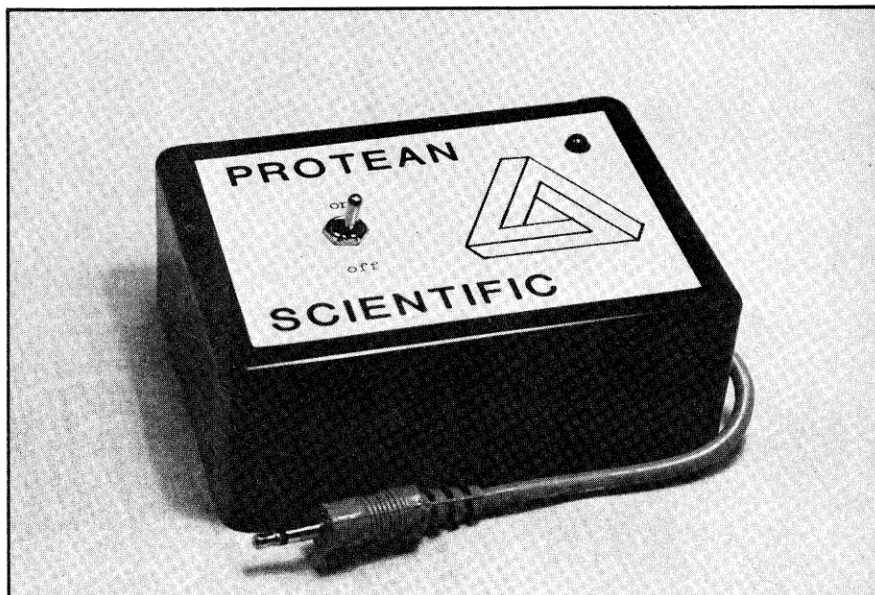
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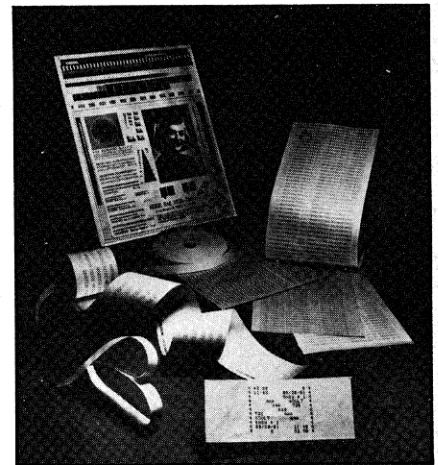
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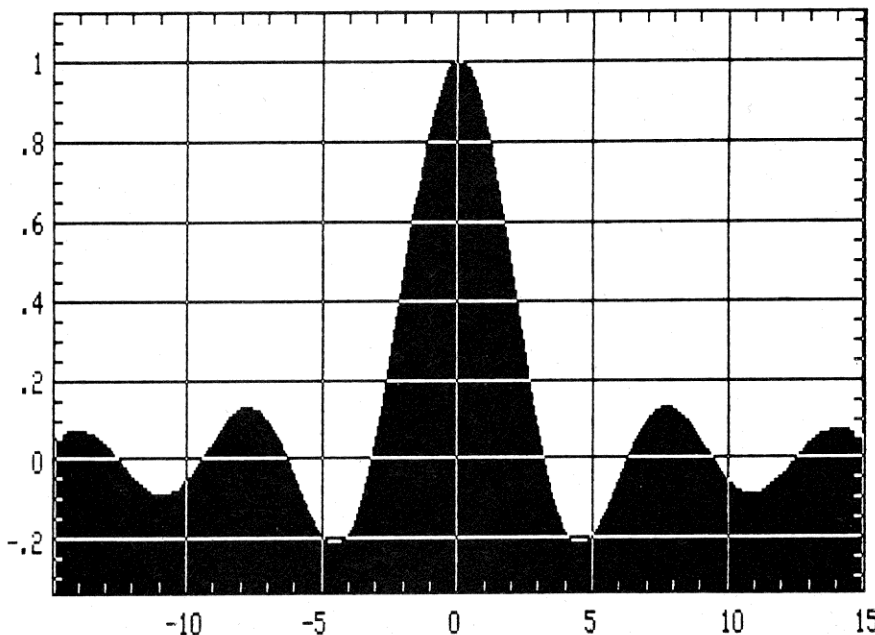
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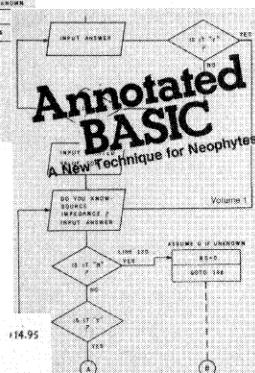
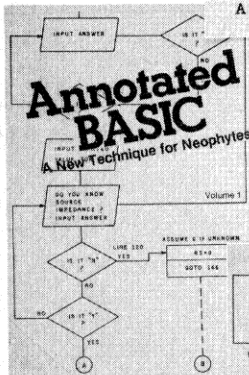
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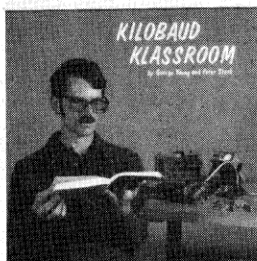
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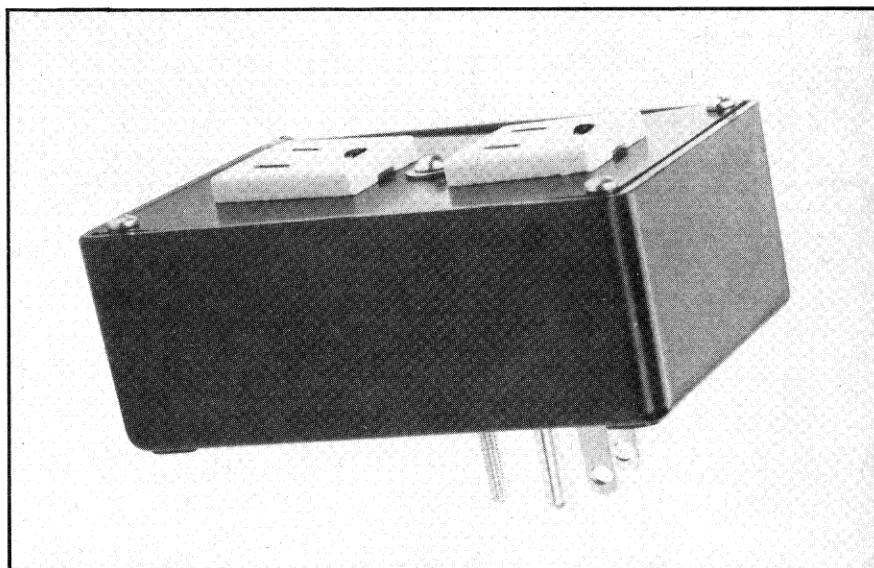
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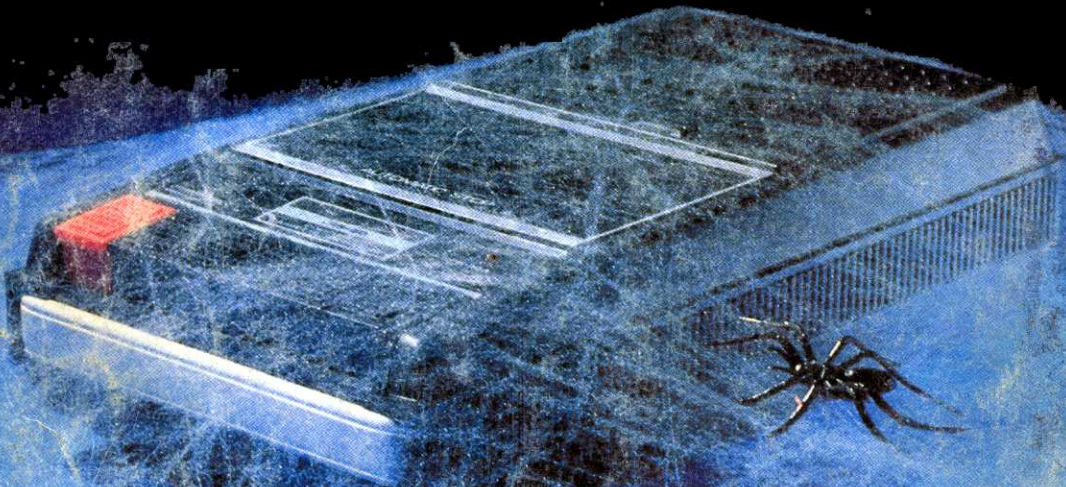
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